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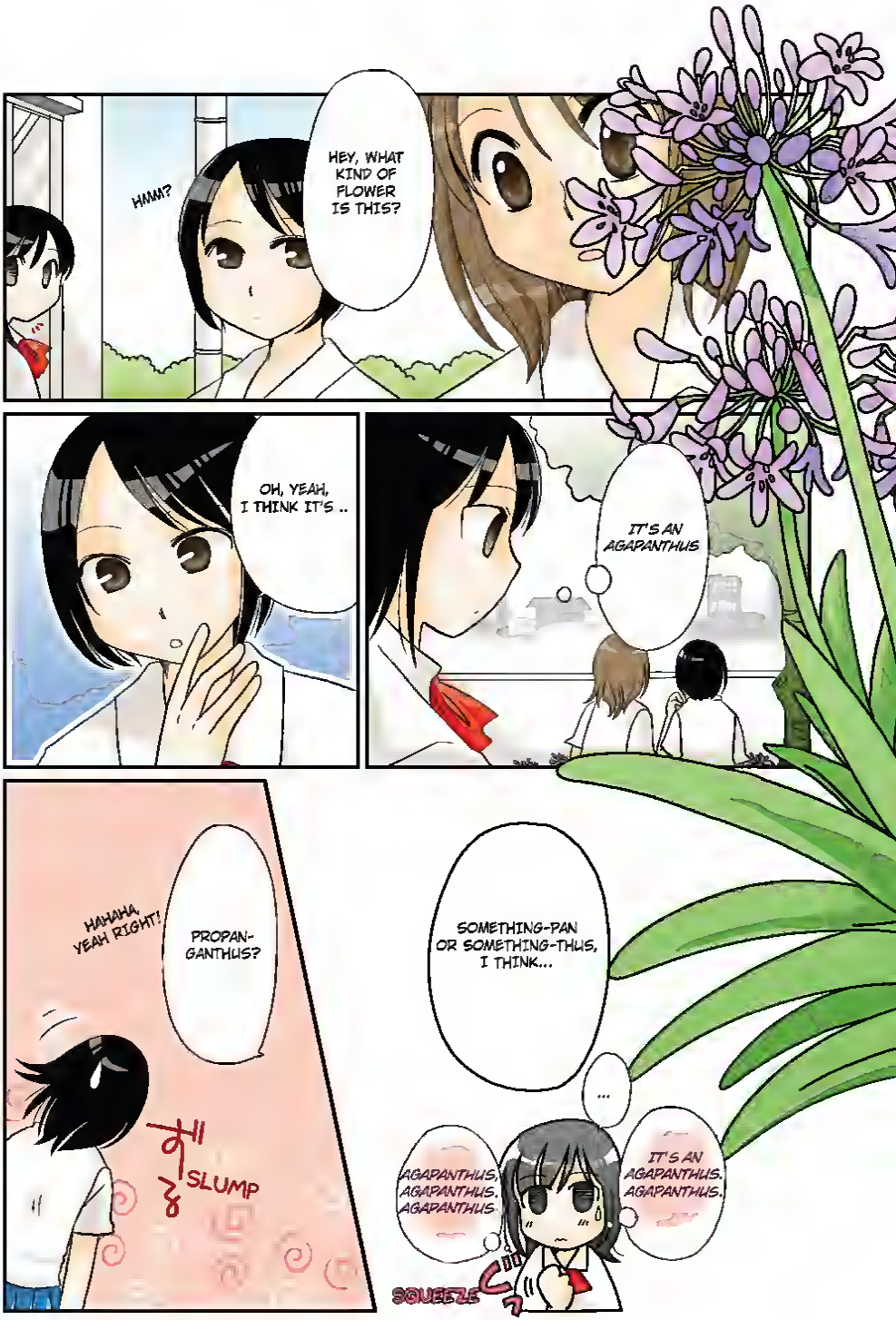
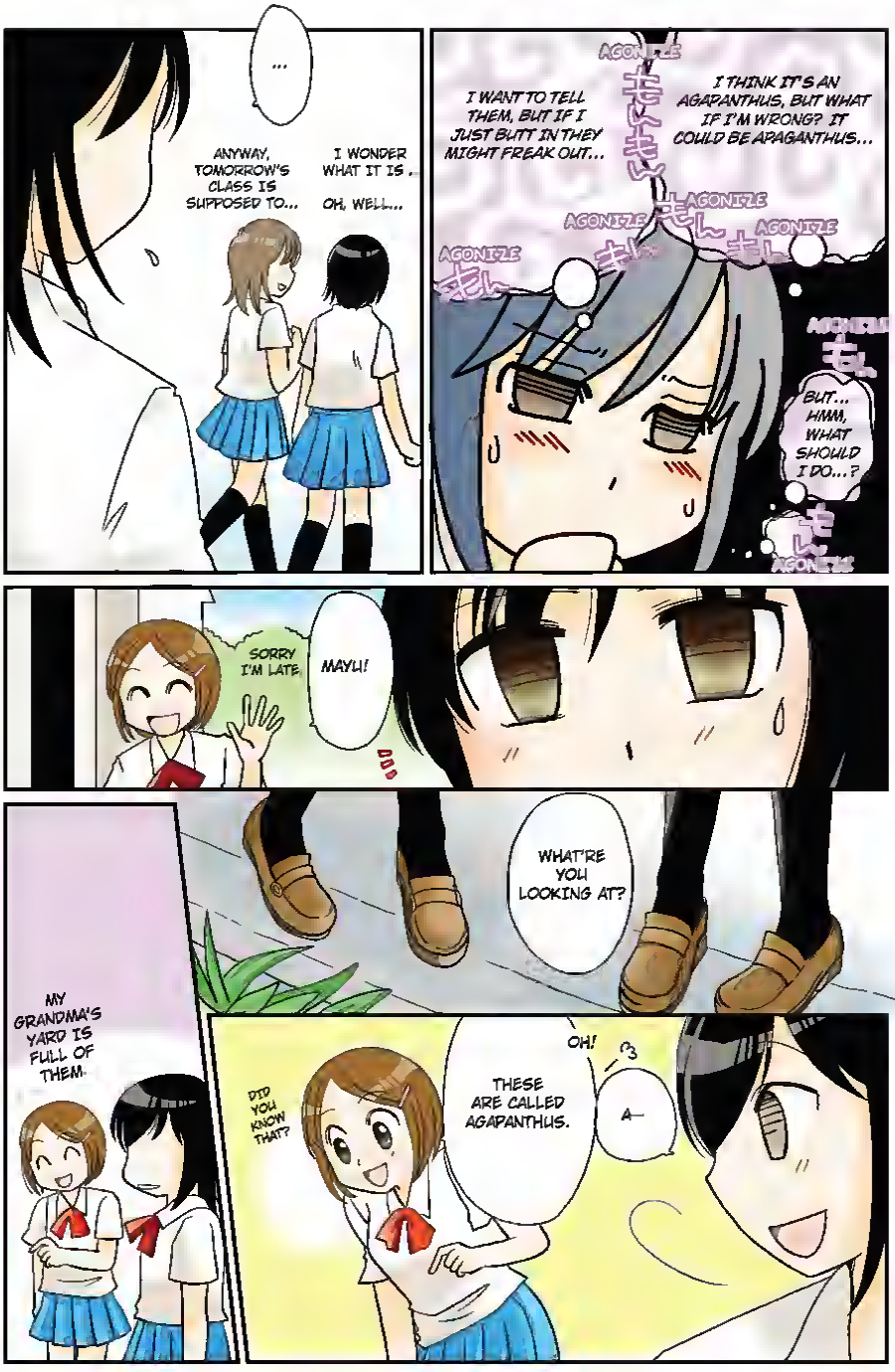
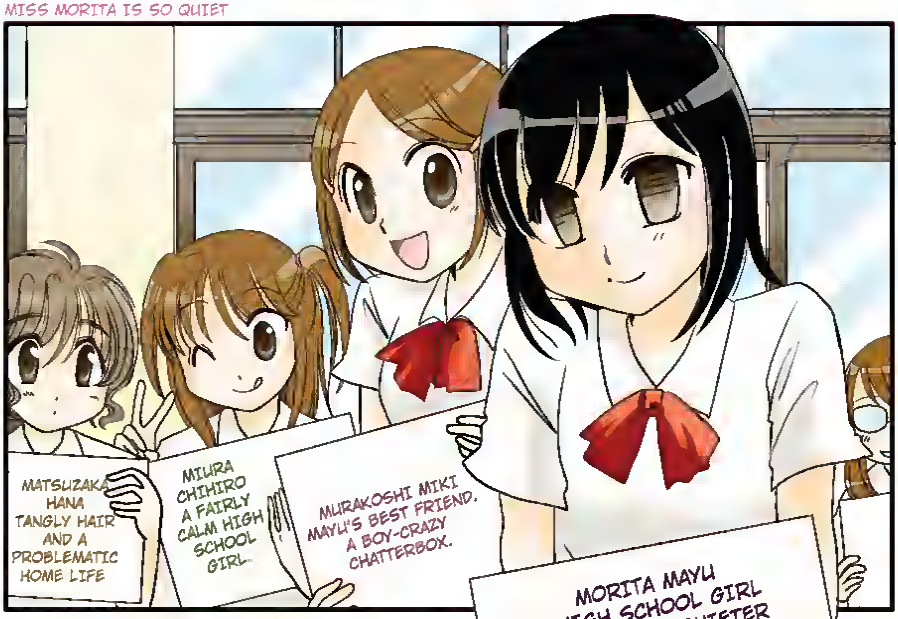
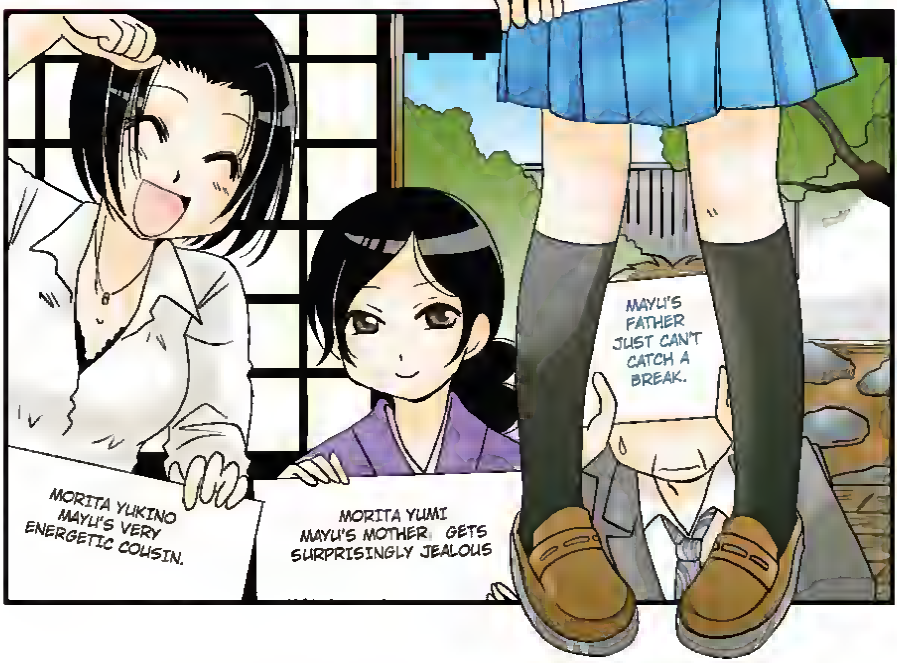
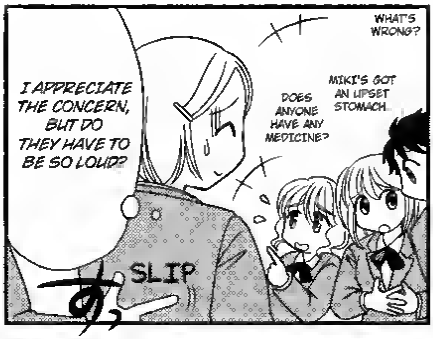

HEY, WHAT KIND OF FLOWER IS THIS?
HMM?
OH, YEAH, I THINK IT'S ..
IT'S AN AGAPANTHUS
SOMETHING-PAN OR SOMETHING-THUS, I THINK...
...
PROPAN-GANTHUS?
HAHAHA, YEAH RIGHT!
SLUMP
AGAPANTHUS, AGAPANTHUS, AGAPANTHUS
IT'S AN AGAPANTHUS, AGAPANTHUS.
SQUEEZE

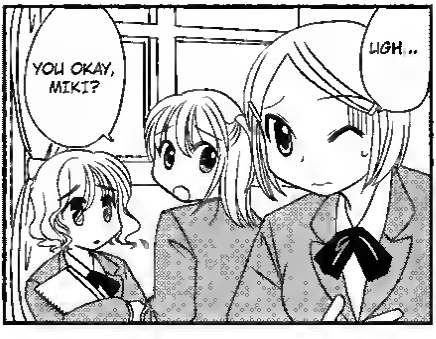

...
ANYWAY, TOMORROW'S CLASS IS SUPPOSED TO...
I WONDER WHAT IT IS.
OH, WELL...
I WANT TO TELL THEM, BUT IF I JUST BUTT IN THEY MIGHT FREAK OUT...
I THINK IT'S AN AGAPANTHUS, BUT WHAT IF I'M WRONG? IT COULD BE ARAGANTHUS...
AGONIZE
BUT... HMM, WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
SORRY I'M LATE.
MAYU!
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
MY GRANDMA'S YARD IS FULL OF THEM.
DID YOU KNOW THAT?
THESE ARE CALLED AGAPANTHUS.
OH!

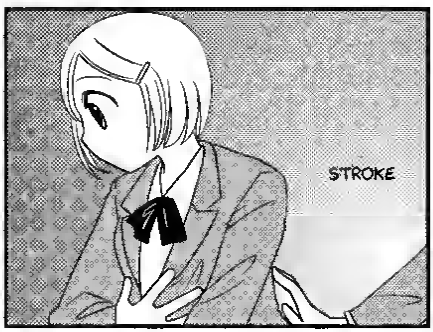

MATSUZAKA HANA
TANGLY HAIR AND A PROBLEMATIC HOME LIFE
MIURA CHIHIRO
A FAIRLY CALM HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
MURAKOSHI MIKI
MAYU'S BEST FRIEND. A BOY-CRAZY CHATTERBOX.
MORITA MAYU
A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WHO'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE. BUT I'M ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING!

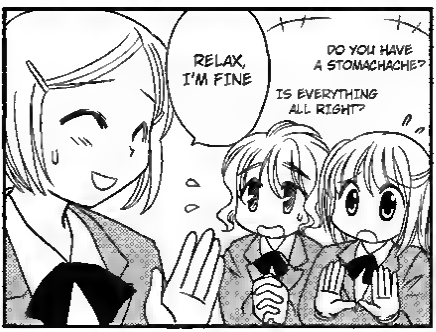
登場人物紹介
CHARACTER BIOS


MORITA YUKINO
MAYU'S VERY ENERGETIC COUSIN.
MORITA YUMI
MAYU'S MOTHER. GETS SURPRISINGLY JEALOUS
MAYU'S FATHER JUST CAN'T CATCH A BREAK.

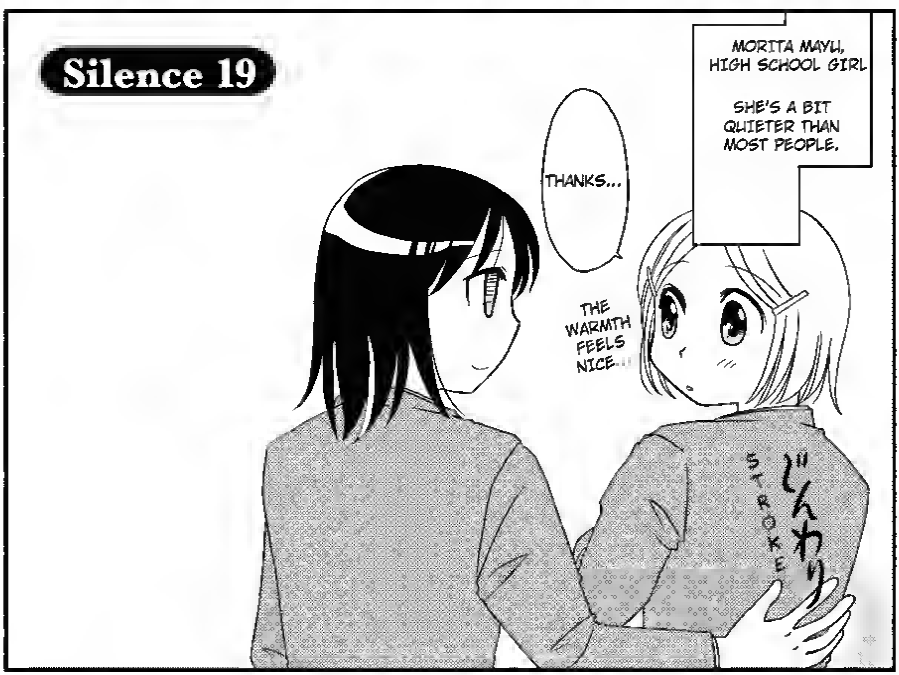

I APPRECIATE THE CONCERN, BUT DO THEY HAVE TO BE SO LOUD?
SLIP
WHAT'S WRONG?
MIKI'S GOT AN UPSET STOMACH.
DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY MEDICINE?

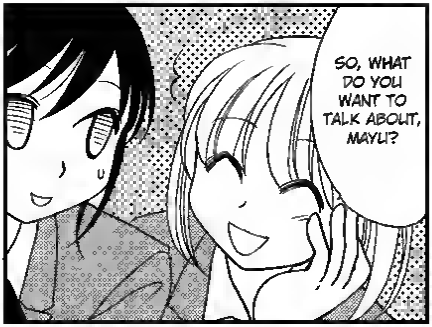

YOU OKAY, MIKI?
UGH...


STROKE


RELAX, I'M FINE
DO YOU HAVE A STOMACHACHE?
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

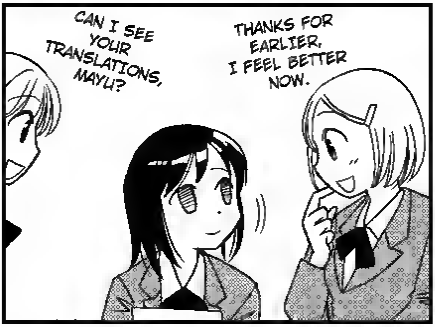
Silence 19

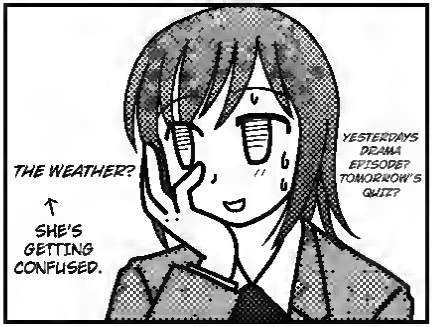

MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
THANKS...
THE WARMTH FEELS NICE...
STROKE
じんわり


SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, MAYU?

MAYU!
SHE'S NOT NECESSARILY QUIET ON PURPOSE.

WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT?
OH, I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT,


CAN I SEE YOUR TRANSLATIONS, MAYU?
THANKS FOR EARLIER, I FEEL BETTER NOW.


THE WEATHER?
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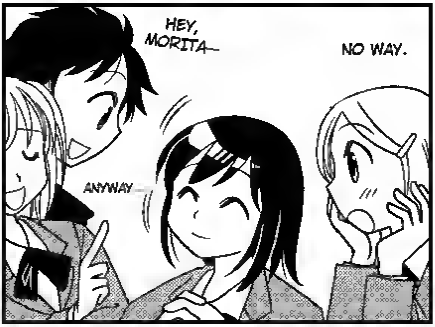
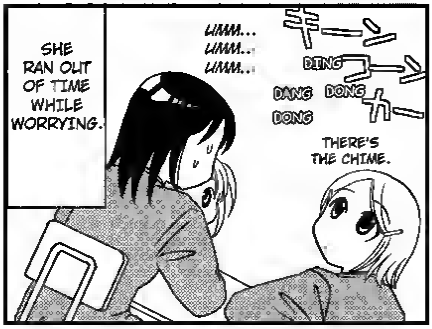
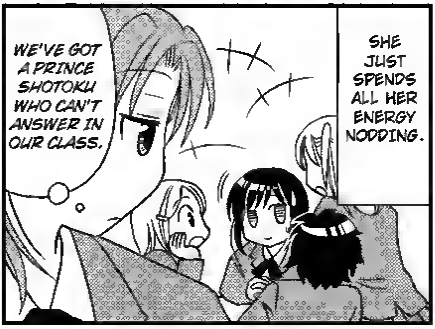
SHE'S GETTING CONFUSED.
YESTERDAYS DRAMA EPISODE? TOMORROW'S QUIZ?

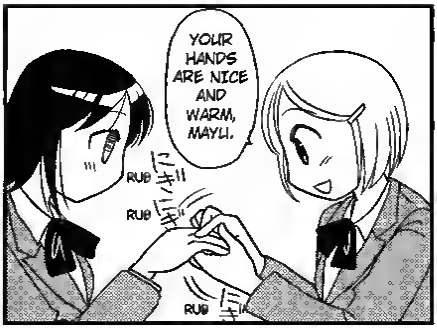

HEY, MORITA—
NO WAY.
ANYWAY

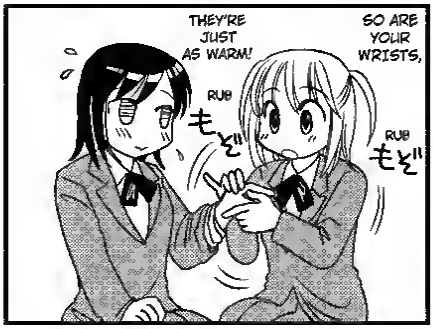

SHE RAN OUT OF TIME WHILE WORRYING.
UMM... UMM... UMM...
DING
DANG DONG DONG
THERE'S THE CHIME.

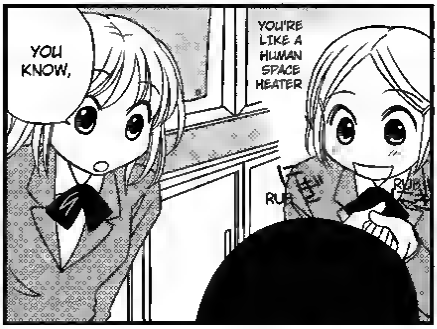

WE'VE GOT A PRINCE SHOTOKU WHO CAN'T ANSWER IN OUR CLASS.
SHE JUST SPENDS ALL HER ENERGY NODDING.

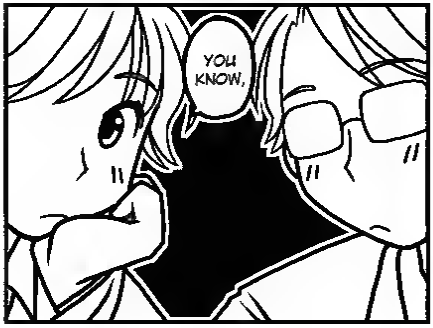
SO, MIKI, WHAT'S YOUR NEW BOYFRIEND LIKE?
WHA—
I BET MAYU-CHAN KNOWS.
YOU DON'T NEED TO THINK SO MUCH...
BUT...
JUST SAY WHATEVER'S ON YOUR MIND
HE—
SMACK
NO, NO, NO!
I CAN'T JUST LAUGH AND TALK A MILE A MINUTE, LIKE MIKI.
SO THEN—
HA HA HA HA!
..
—
SO THIS IS WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT SEASON.
I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL INFO, LIKE CHIHIRO.
STOP WRITING!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
MY MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER HATE EACH OTHER
AND I DON'T SOUND LIKE A DAYTIME TALK SHOW GUEST, LIKE HANA-CHAN.
ASKING FOR LIFE ADVICE

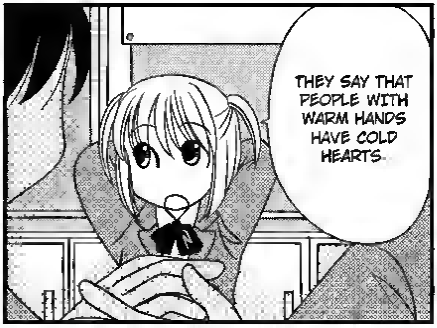
WOW, THEY ARE WARM!
RUB
RUB

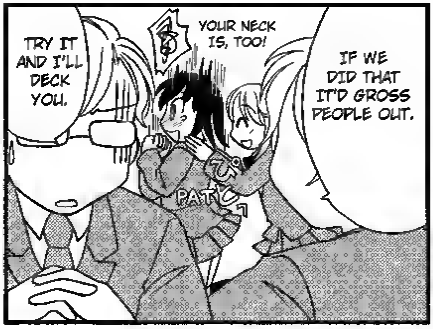

YOUR HANDS ARE NICE AND WARM, MAYU.
RUB
RUB
RUB

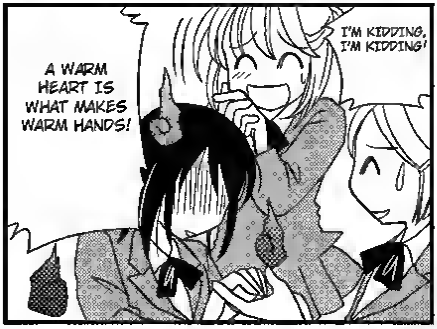

THEY'RE JUST AS WARM!
SO ARE YOUR WRISTS,
RUB
RUB

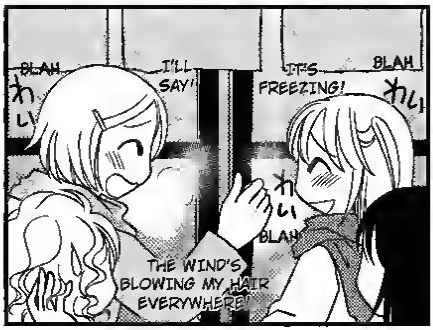

YOU KNOW,
YOU'RE LIKE A HUMAN SPACE HEATER
RUB
RUB

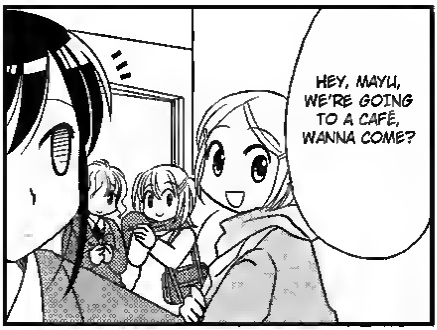

YOU KNOW,


THEY SAY THAT PEOPLE WITH WARM HANDS HAVE COLD HEARTS.


TRY IT AND I'LL DECK YOU.
YOUR NECK IS, TOO!
IF WE DID THAT IT'D GROSS PEOPLE OUT.
PAT

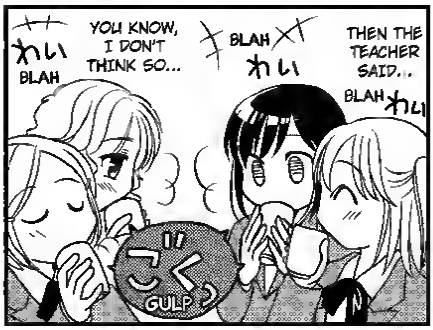

A WARM HEART IS WHAT MAKES WARM HANDS!
I'M KIDDING, I'M KIDDING!

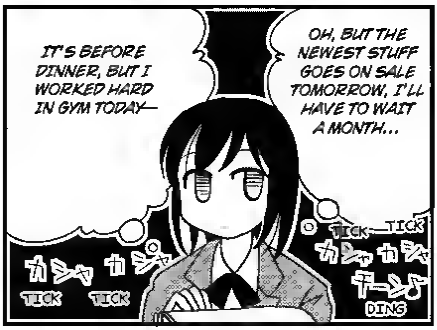

BLAH
わい
I'LL SAY!
IT'S FREEZING!
BLAH
わい
わい
BLAH
THE WIND'S BLOWING MY HAIR EVERYWHERE!

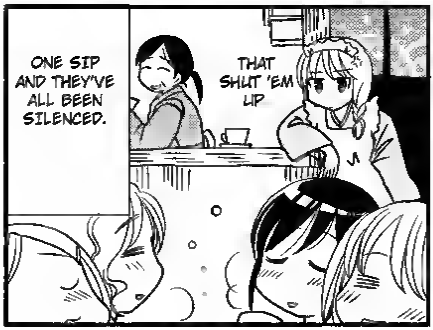

HEY, MAYU, WE'RE GOING TO A CAFÉ, WANNA COME?

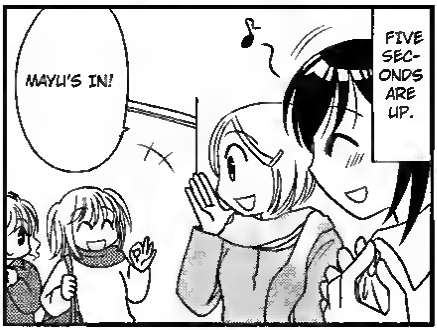
HERE'S SOME WARM SWEET HALF-SAKE, ON THE HOUSE.
わい
BLAH
わい
BLAH
UH HUH
SO, YEAH
BLAH
わい

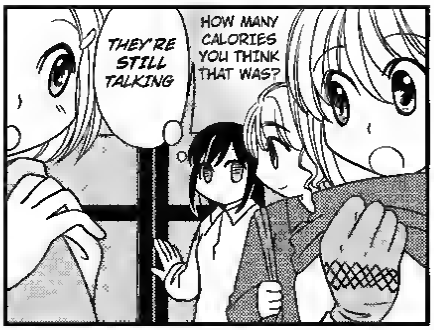
I JUST NEED ENOUGH LEFTOVER FOR LITTLE THINGS...
LET'S SEE, HOW MUCH MONEY'S IN MY WALLET... PRETTY SURE THERE'S A 1000 YEN BILL...
カシャ カシャ
TICK TICK
カシャ カシャ
TICK TICK

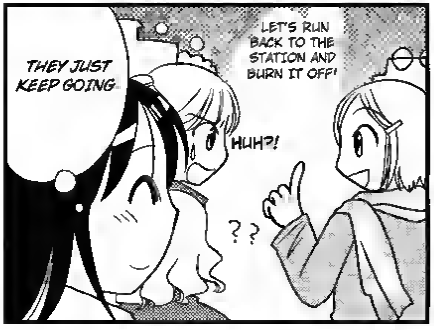

YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK SO...
わい
BLAH
BLAH
わい
THEN THE TEACHER SAID..
BLAH
わい
ごくっ
GULP

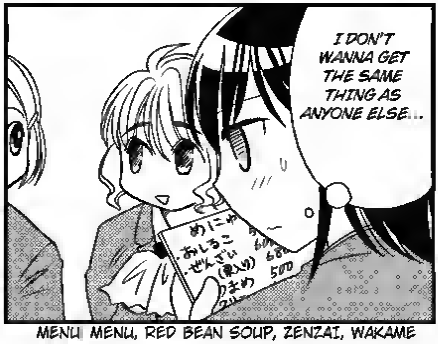

IT'S BEFORE DINNER, BUT I WORKED HARD IN GYM TODAY—
OH, BUT THE NEWEST STUFF GOES ON SALE TOMORROW, I'LL HAVE TO WAIT A MONTH...
カシャ カシャ
TICK TICK
TICK TICK
カシャ カシャ
チーン♪
DING


ONE SIP AND THEY'VE ALL BEEN SILENCED.
THAT SHUT 'EM UP

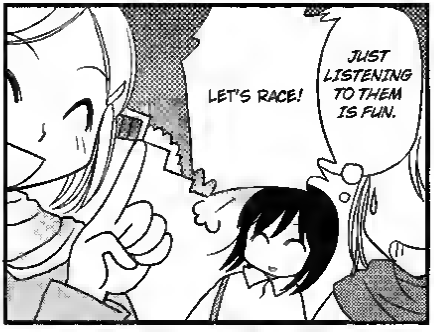

MAYU'S IN!
FIVE SECONDS ARE UP.

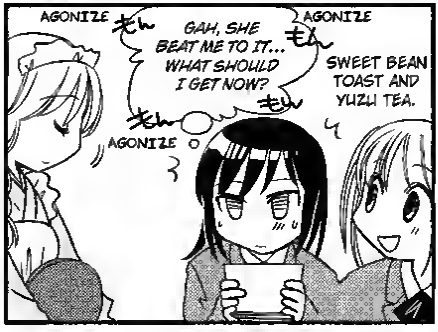


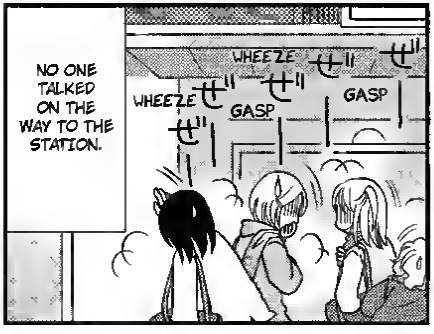


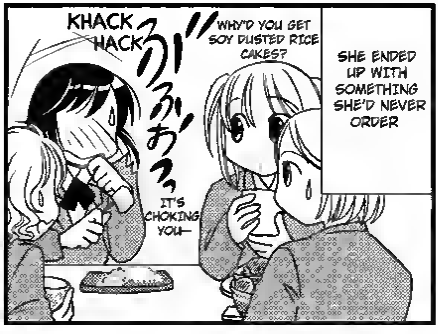


MENU! MENU, RED BEAN SOUP, ZENZAI, WAKAME





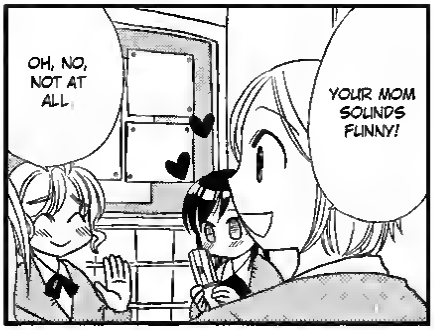


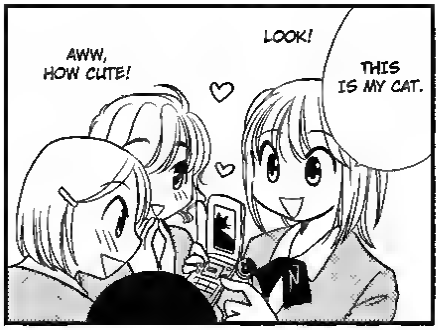


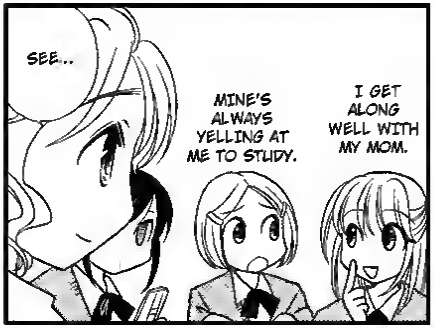
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
...
ME, TOO.
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
...
SCOOT
I WONDER WHY
GIRLS ALWAYS GO IN GROUPS.
すいっ
STEP
HMM?
Silence 20
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, WHY DID THEY FOLLOW ME?
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
TOILE
CHITCHAT わや
CHITCHAT わや
CHITCHAT わや
I LIKE YOUR PURSE!
DIBS!

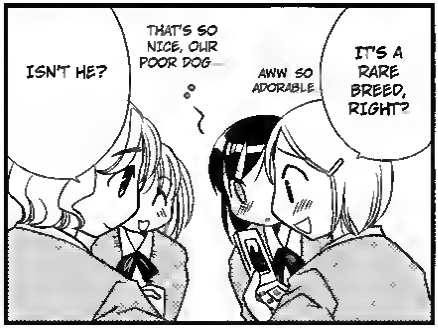
IT'S CALLED A HOLE MARSHAL.

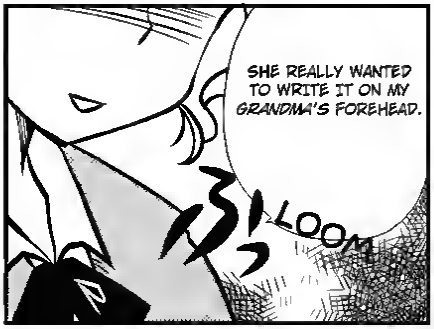
すっ
SWISH
THANK YOU!
SNX...
HUH—
SORRY!
THANK YOU!
MAYU, LEMME SEE YOURS!
WHISPER
UH-OH, I DIDN'T TAKE ANY NOTES.
THANKS MISS!
THANK YOU!!
THANK YOU!
I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON MAYU—
SLOPPY
NOTES. IMPERFECT VERB FORMS AND PREDICATIVE FORMS
AH, WHATEVER
WHAT'RE YOU SMILING ABOUT? YOU'RE LATE!
STRUGGLING
MAYU WAS PASSING OUT, TOO...

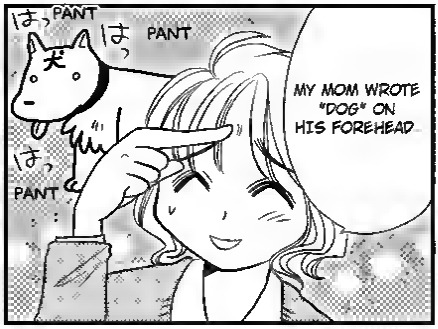

OH, NO, NOT AT ALL
YOUR MOM SOUNDS FUNNY!


AWW, HOW CUTE!
LOOK!
THIS IS MY CAT.


SEE...
MINE'S ALWAYS YELLING AT ME TO STUDY.
I GET ALONG WELL WITH MY MOM.


ISN'T HE?
THAT'S SO NICE, OUR POOR DOG
AWW SO ADORABLE
IT'S A RARE BREED, RIGHT?


SHE REALLY WANTED TO WRITE IT ON MY GRANDMA'S FOREHEAD.
LOOM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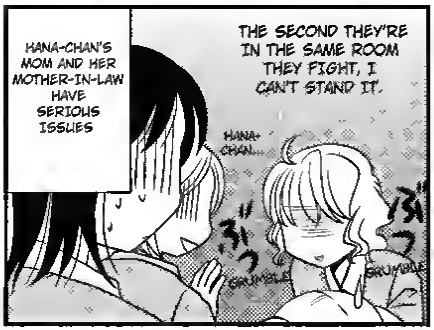
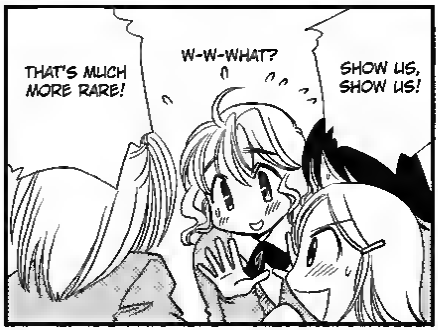
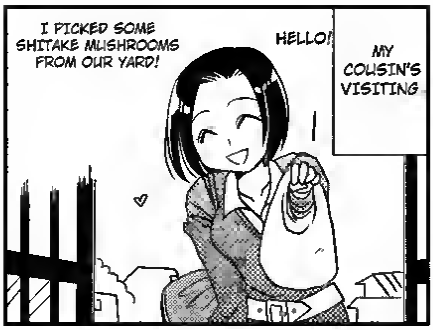
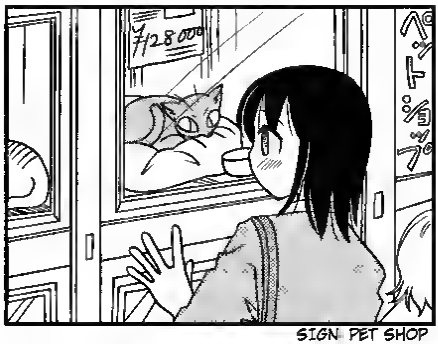
MY MOM WROTE "DOG" ON HIS FOREHEAD

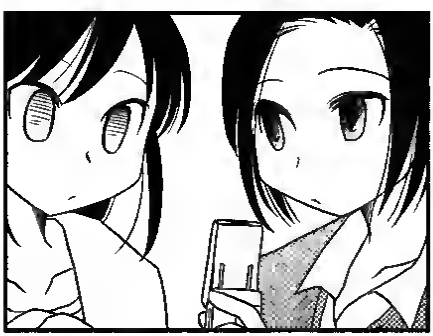

HANA-CHAN'S MOM AND HER MOTHER-IN-LAW HAVE SERIOUS ISSUES
THE SECOND THEY'RE IN THE SAME ROOM THEY FIGHT, I CAN'T STAND IT.
HANA-CHAN...
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE

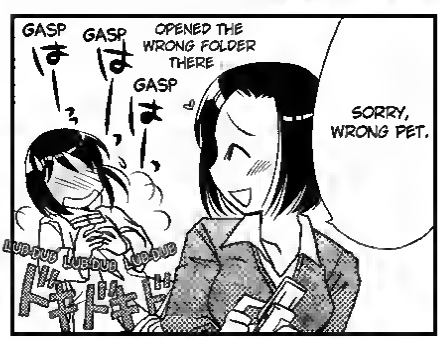

THAT'S MUCH MORE RARE!
W-W-WHAT?
SHOW US, SHOW US!

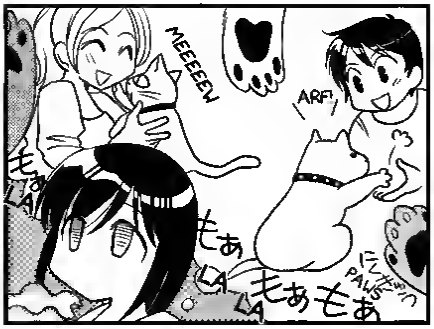


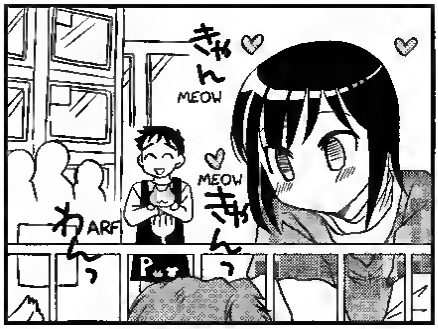


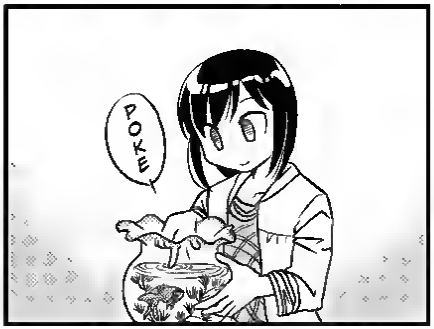
SIGN: PET SHOP

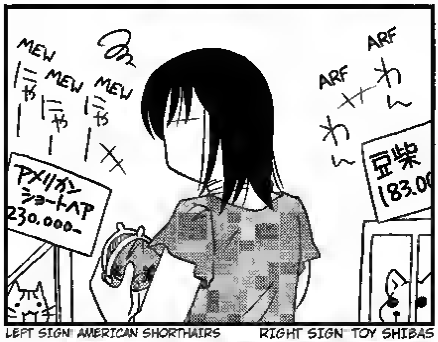




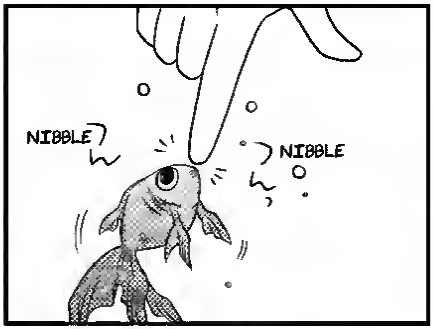


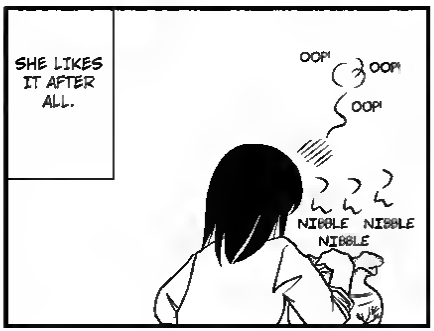


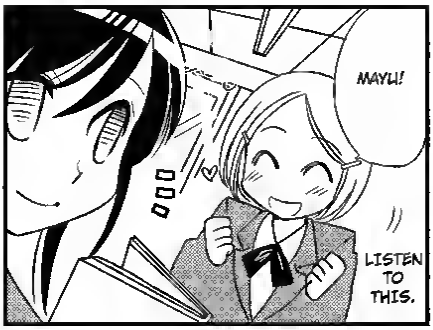


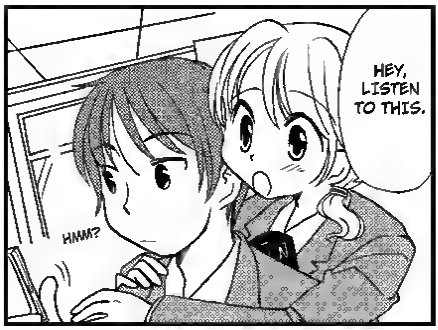


LEFT SIGN: AMERICAN SHORTHAIRS RIGHT SIGN: TOY SHIBAS

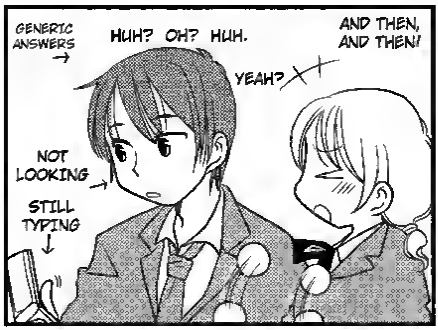


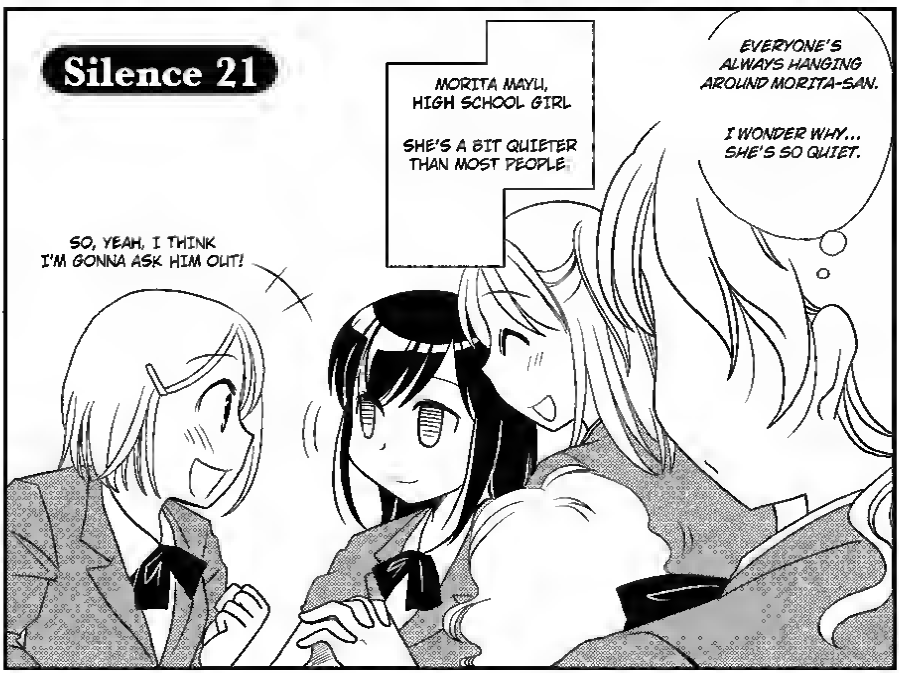


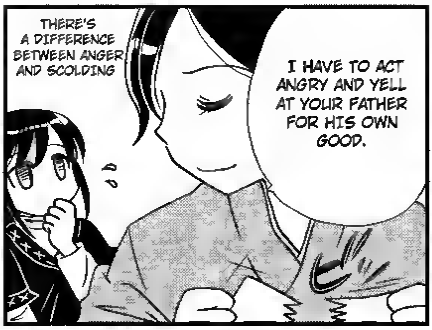

MAYU!
LISTEN TO THIS.


HEY, LISTEN TO THIS.
HMM?

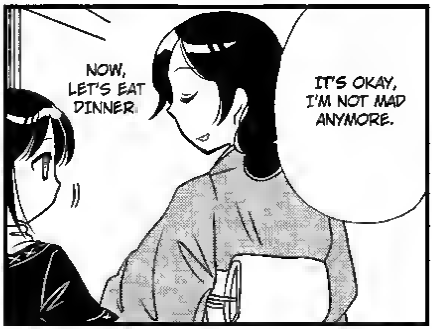
ACTUALLY LISTENING AND NODDING
SO THERE'S THIS NEW GUY I REALLY LIKE.
FACING THE SPEAKER
STOPPED READING


GENERIC ANSWERS
HUH? OH? HUH.
AND THEN, AND THEN!
YEAH?
NOT LOOKING
STILL TYPING


Silence 21
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
EVERYONE'S ALWAYS HANGING AROUND MORITA-SAN.
I WONDER WHY... SHE'S SO QUIET.
SO, YEAH, I THINK I'M GONNA ASK HIM OUT!

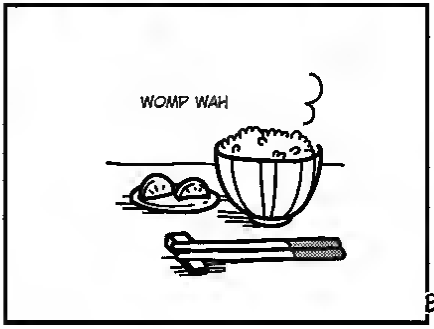

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANGER AND SCOLDING
I HAVE TO ACT ANGRY AND YELL AT YOUR FATHER FOR HIS OWN GOOD.

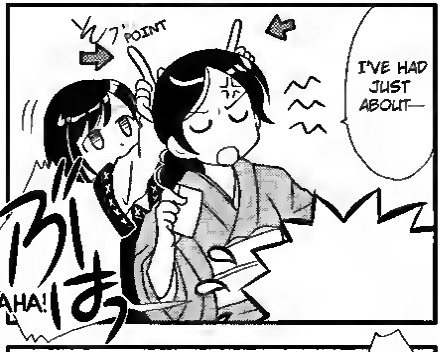
DEAR!


NOW, LET'S EAT DINNER.
IT'S OKAY, I'M NOT MAD ANYMORE.

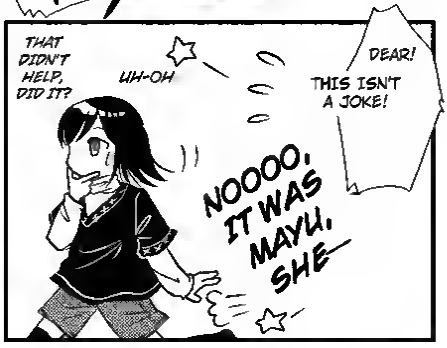
YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE ONE OF THESE FROM ME AGAIN?!

CARD: CALL ME! ♥


WOMP WAH


POINT
I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT—
BWAHA!

LIAR...
WHY DO I ONLY GET TWO RADISH HALVES?!


THAT DIDN'T HELP, DID IT?
UH-OH
DEAR! THIS ISN'T A JOKE!
NOOOO, IT WAS MAYU, SHE—

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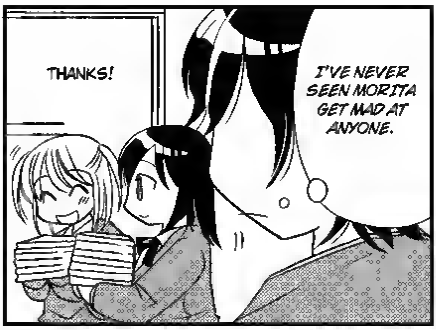
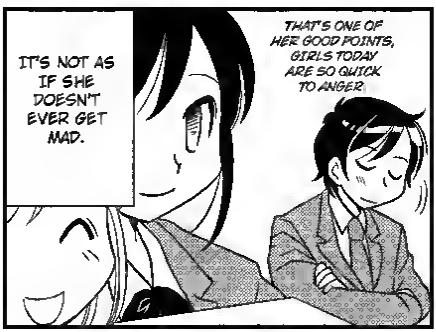
STOMP
EXCUSE ME!
HEY!


THANKS!
I'VE NEVER SEEN MORITA GET MAD AT ANYONE.

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
JEEZ, SHE COULDN'T WAIT IN LINE?
200 GRAMS OF GROUND CHUCK...


IT'S NOT AS IF SHE DOESN'T EVER GET MAD.
THAT'S ONE OF HER GOOD POINTS, GIRLS TODAY ARE SO QUICK TO ANGER.

ABOUT TO WET HERSELF.
MAYBE SHE'S
OH HO

BUMP
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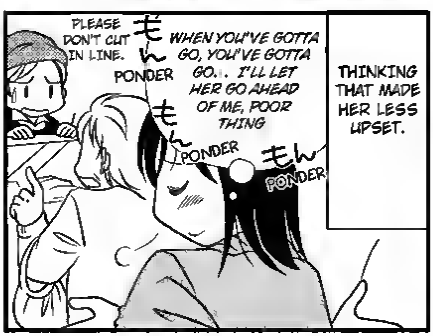
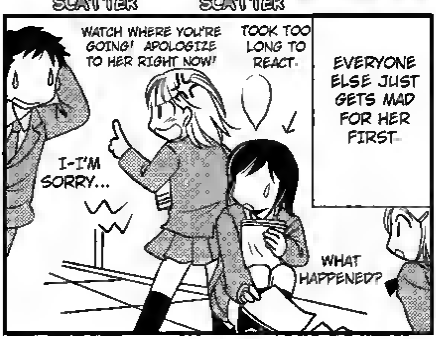
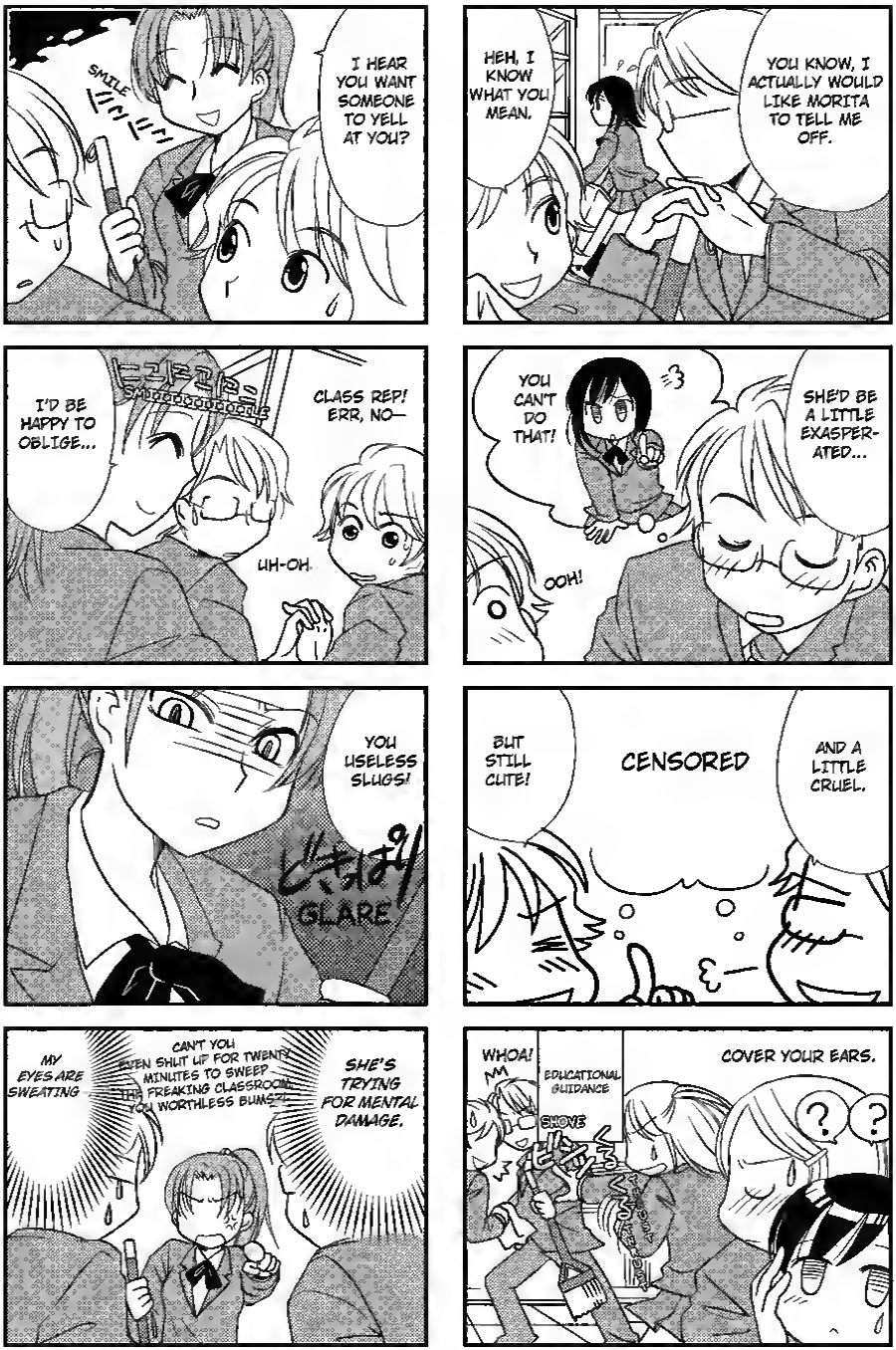
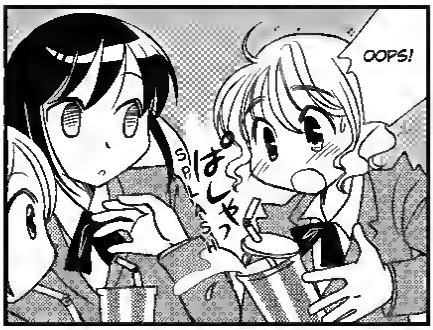
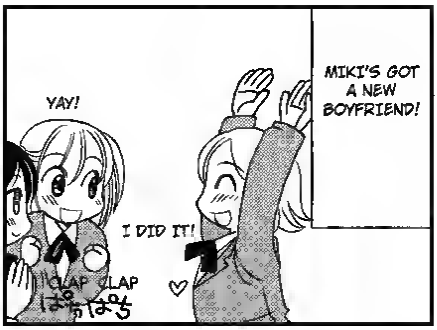
AND I HEAR...
ぱたぱた
SCATTER
SCATTER

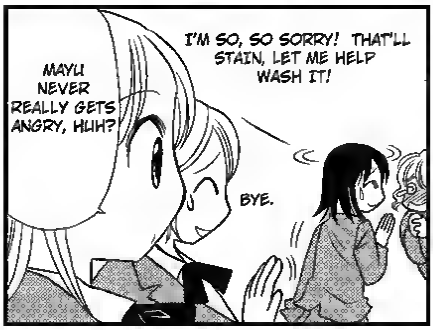

PLEASE DON'T CUT IN LINE.
もん
PONDER
WHEN YOU'VE GOTTA GO, YOU'VE GOTTA GO... I'LL LET HER GO AHEAD OF ME, POOR THING
もん
PONDER
もん
PONDER
THINKING THAT MADE HER LESS UPSET.

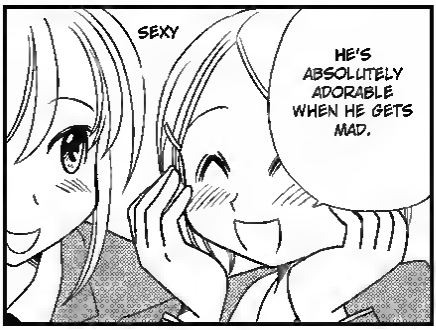

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING! APOLOGIZE TO HER RIGHT NOW!
TOOK TOO LONG TO REACT.
EVERYONE ELSE JUST GETS MAD FOR HER FIRST.
I-I'M SORRY...
WHAT HAPPENED?

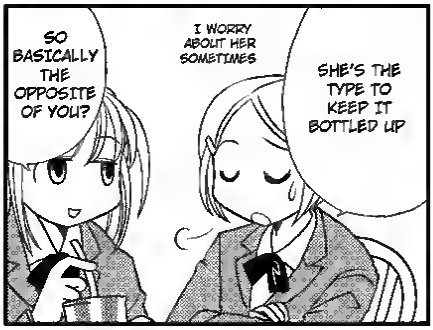

SMILE
I HEAR YOU WANT SOMEONE TO YELL AT YOU?
HEH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
YOU KNOW, I ACTUALLY WOULD LIKE MORITA TO TELL ME OFF.
I'D BE HAPPY TO OBLIGE...
CLASS REP! ERR, NO—
UH-OH.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
SHE'D BE A LITTLE EXASPERATED...
OOH!
YOU USELESS SLUGS!
GLARE
BUT STILL CUTE!
CENSORED
AND A LITTLE CRUEL.
MY EYES ARE SWEATING
CAN'T YOU EVEN SHUT UP FOR TWENTY MINUTES TO SWEEP THE FREAKING CLASSROOM, YOU WORTHLESS BUMS?!
SHE'S TRYING FOR MENTAL DAMAGE.
WHOA!
EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE
SHOVE
COVER YOUR EARS.

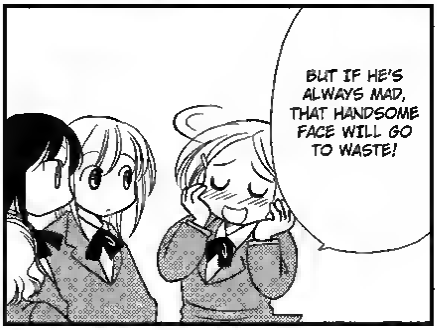

OOPS!
SPLASH
おしゃっ

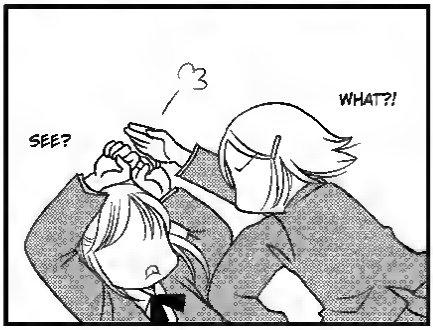

MIKI'S GOT A NEW BOYFRIEND!
YAY!
I DID IT!
CLAP CLAP

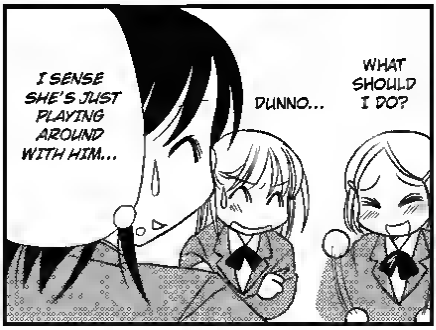

I'M SO, SO SORRY! THAT'LL STAIN, LET ME HELP WASH IT!
MAYU NEVER REALLY GETS ANGRY, HUH?
BYE.


SEXY
HE'S ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE WHEN HE GETS MAD.

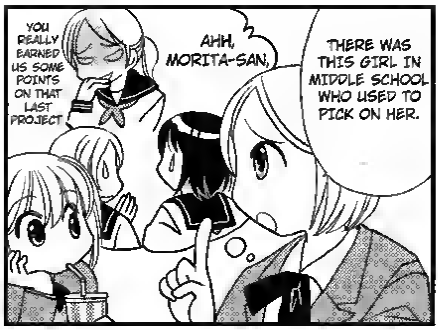

SO BASICALLY THE OPPOSITE OF YOU?
I WORRY ABOUT HER SOMETIMES
SHE'S THE TYPE TO KEEP IT BOTTLED UP


BUT IF HE'S ALWAYS MAD, THAT HANDSOME FACE WILL GO TO WASTE!


WHAT?!
SEE?

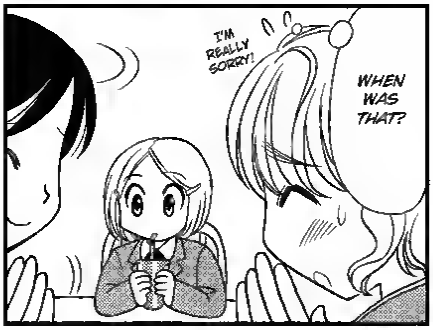

I SENSE SHE'S JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH HIM...
DUNNO...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

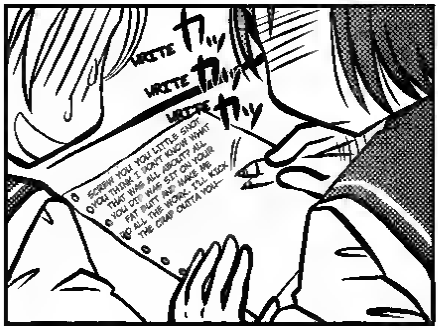
OH, YEAH...
WE'RE BACK.
HEY!

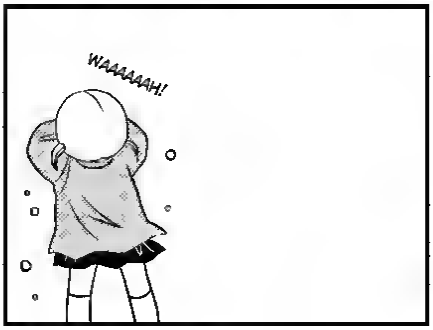

YOU REALLY EARNED US SOME POINTS ON THAT LAST PROJECT
AHH, MORITA-SAN,
THERE WAS THIS GIRL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO USED TO PICK ON HER.

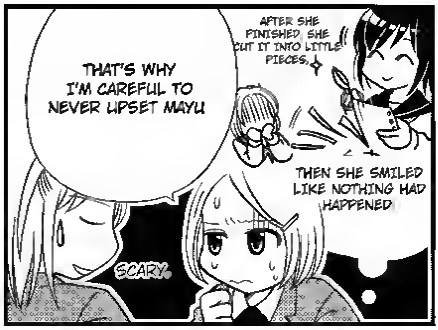
WE GOT HER CLEANED UP BEFORE IT STAINED
I'VE SEEN MAYU GET SERIOUSLY ANGRY ONE TIME.

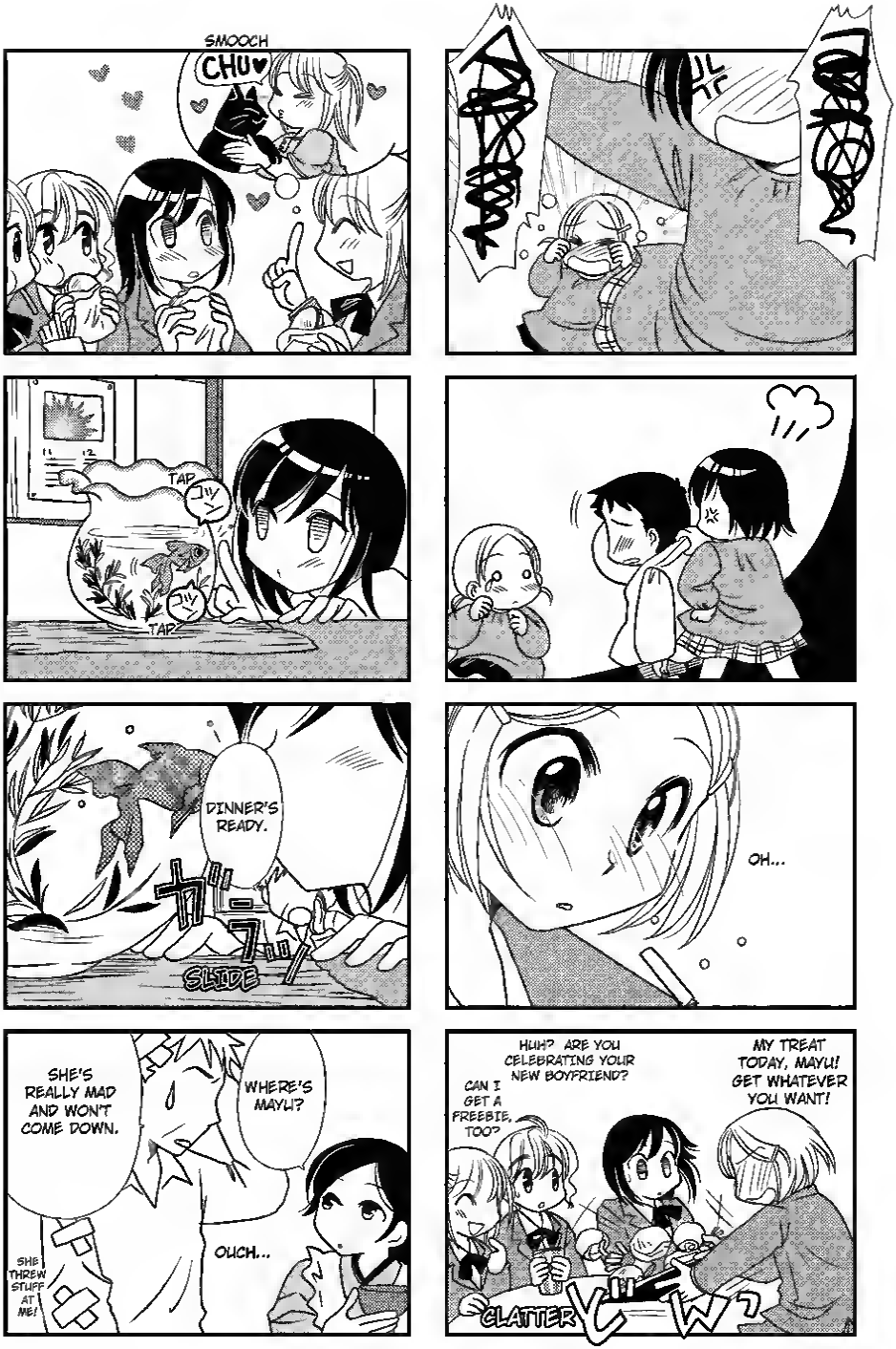
ONE DAY...
WHAT'S MAYU WRITING THERE?
WRITE
WRITE
WRITE


I'M REALLY SORRY!
WHEN WAS THAT?


WRITE
WRITE
WRITE
SORRY YOU YOU LITTLE SHIT! D'YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DO BUT WAIT AN' SEE ON YOUR FAT BUTT AND MAKE ME DO ALL THE WORK. I'LL KICK THE CRAP OUTTA YOU!


WAAAAAAH!


AFTER SHE FINISHED SHE CUT IT INTO LITTLE PIECES.
THAT'S WHY I'M CAREFUL TO NEVER UPSET MAYU
THEN SHE SMILED LIKE NOTHING HAD HAPPENED
SCARY.


SMOOCH
CHU♥
TAP
TAP
DINNER'S READY.
SLIDE
OH...
SHE'S REALLY MAD AND WON'T COME DOWN.
WHERE'S MAYU?
SHE THREW STUFF AT ME!
OUCH...
HUH? ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR NEW BOYFRIEND?
CAN I GET A FREEBIE, TOO?
MY TREAT TODAY, MAYU! GET WHATEVER YOU WANT!
CLATTER

SMACK
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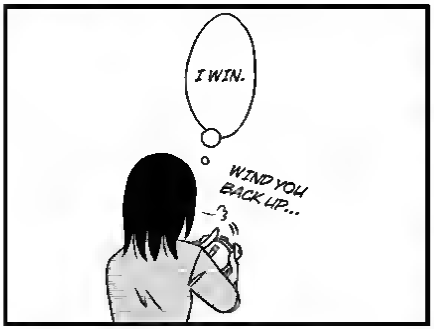
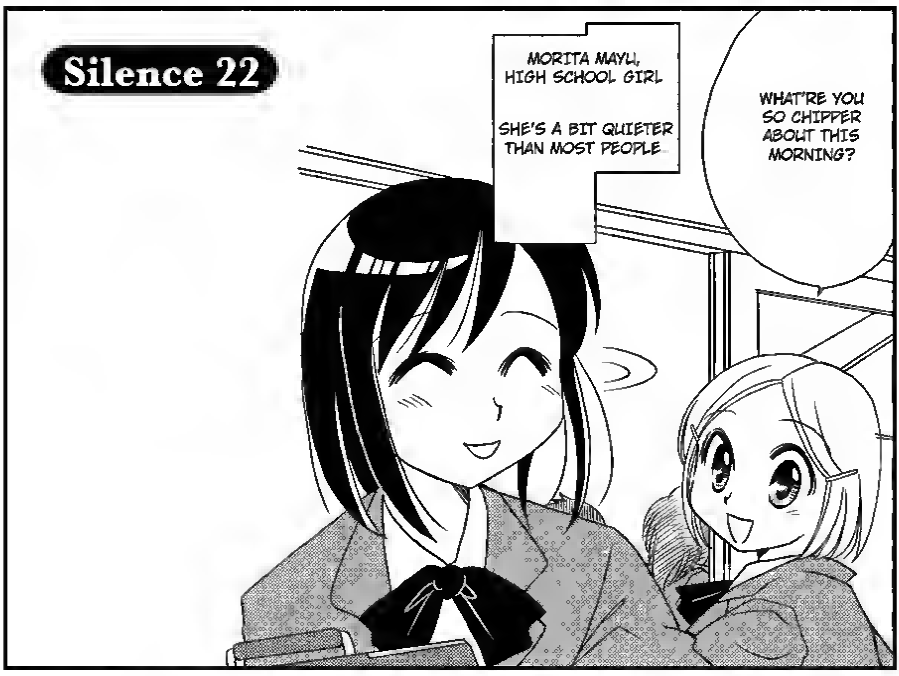
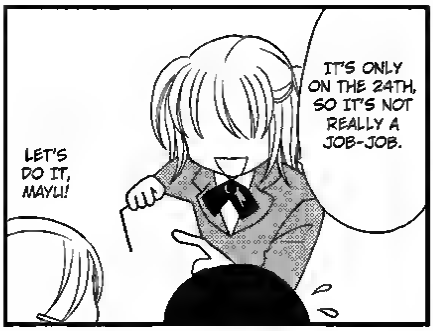
FLIP

CLICK


I WIN.
WIND YOU BACK UP...

ERRR


Silence 22
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE
WHAT'RE YOU SO CHIPPER ABOUT THIS MORNING?



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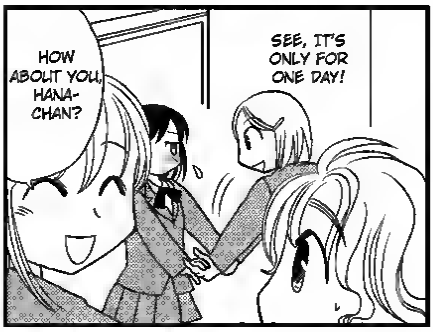

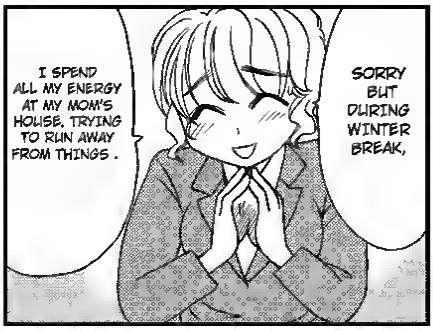

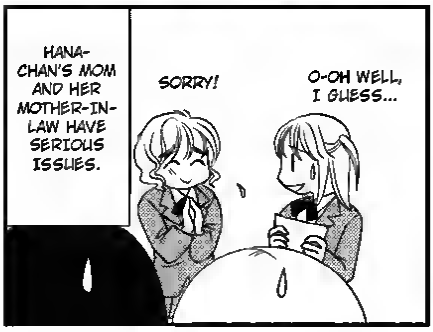

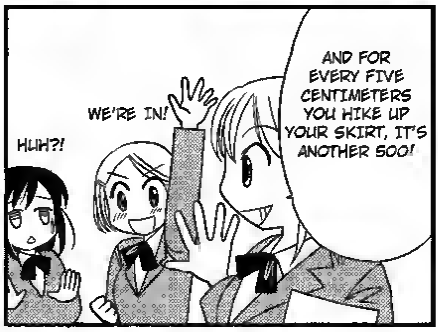

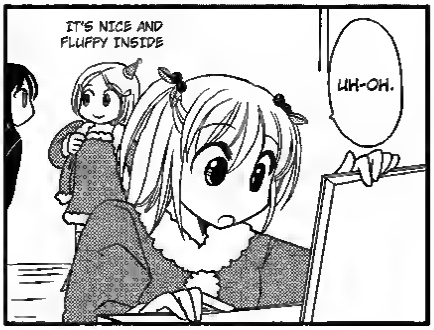

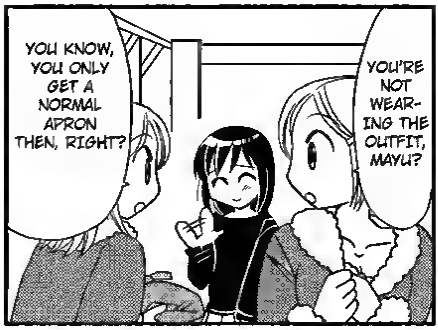

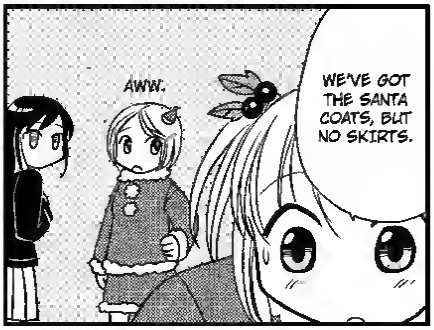

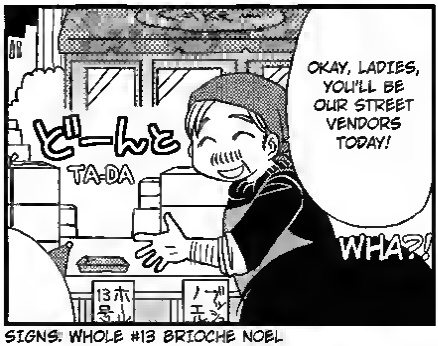

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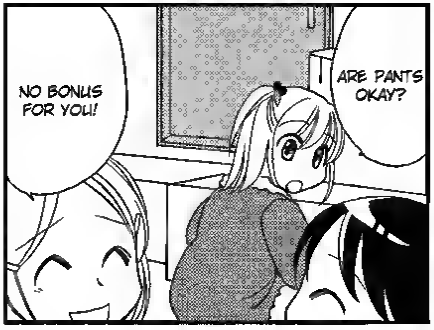
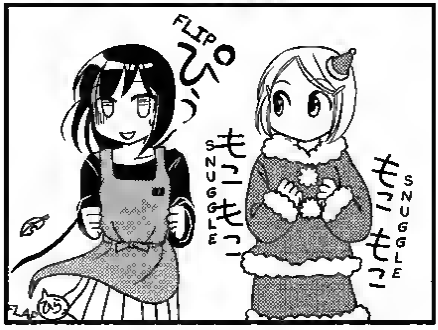
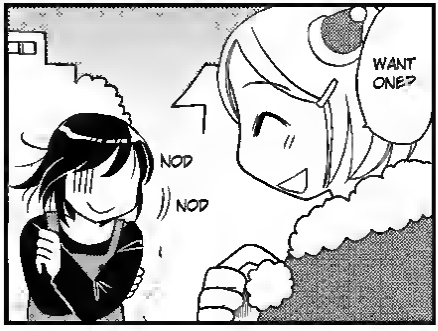
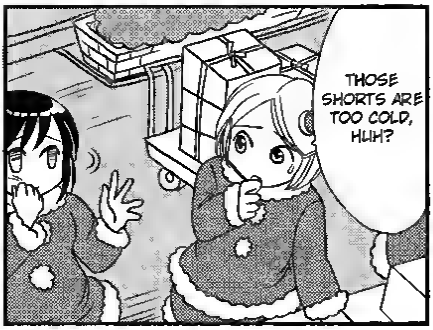
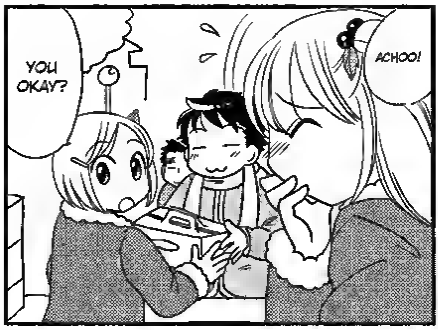
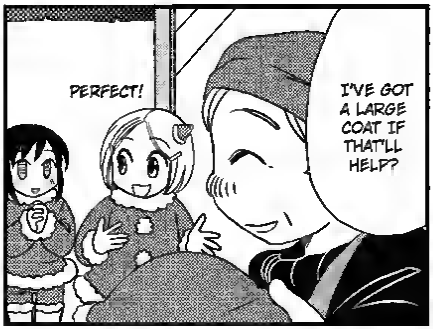




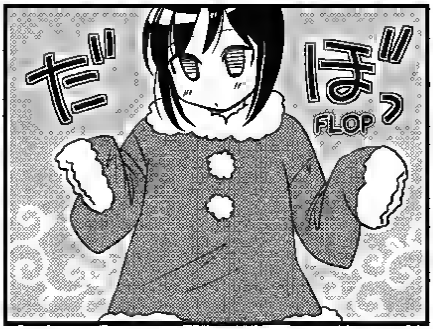



THOSE SHORTS ARE TOO COLD, HUH?

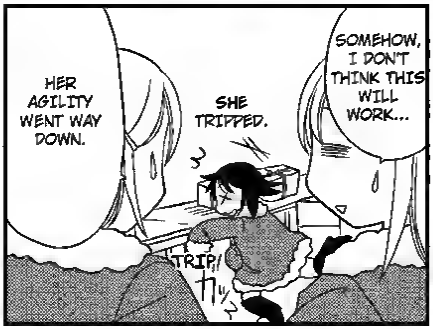

YOU OKAY?
ACHOO!

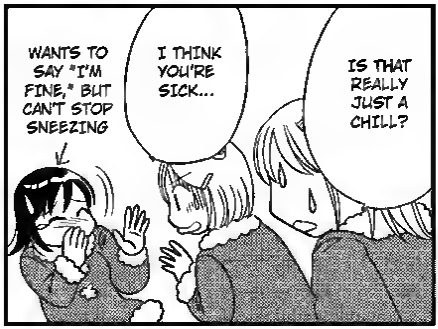

I'VE GOT A LARGE COAT IF THAT'LL HELP?
PERFECT!

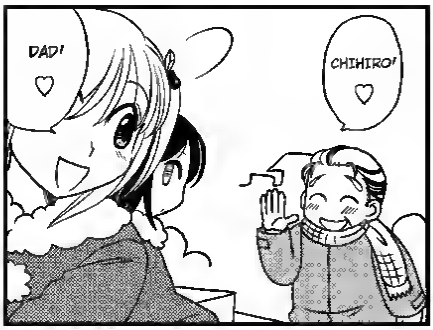
I'M FINE, JUST A LITTLE CHILL!
MAYU, TOO.
ACHOO

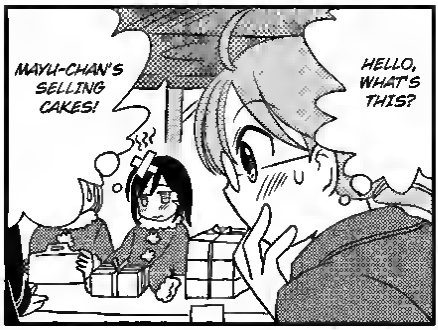

FLOP

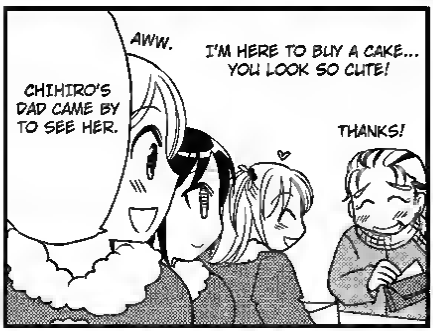
AHCHOO


SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK THIS WILL WORK...
SHE TRIPPED.
HER AGILITY WENT WAY DOWN.
TRIP!

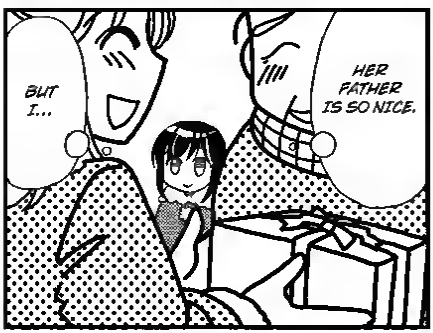

IS THAT REALLY JUST A CHILL?
I THINK YOU'RE SICK...
WANTS TO SAY "I'M FINE," BUT CAN'T STOP SNEEZING


DAD!
CHIHIRO!


MAYU-CHAN'S SELLING CAKES!
HELLO, WHAT'S THIS?


AWW.
I'M HERE TO BUY A CAKE... YOU LOOK SO CUTE!
CHIHIRO'S DAD CAME BY TO SEE HER.
THANKS!

SHE'LL SMILE ... AND SAY...
IF-IF I BUY ONE...
WHEEZE
WHEEZE


BUT I...
HER FATHER IS SO NICE.

SPARKLE
THANK YOU.

HUH? MAYU-CHAN, IS THAT YOU?
I WOULD RATHER NOBODY I KNOW CAME BY.

AND BUY EVERY CAKE THEY'VE GOT.
GOTTA FIND AN ATM
DRIP
DRIP

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YADDA
YOU LEFT YOUR PURSE
THERE YOU ARE, YUKINO-SAN!
OH!
YOUR SANTA COSTUME'S SIMPLY PRECIOUS!
GRAB
がばっ!!
LOOK AT YOU, YOU'RE SELLING CAKES?
PERFECT TIMING, LEMME INTRODUCE YOU.
THIS'S MY COUSIN, MAYU.
BOW
BOW
OH, OH, HOW'RE YOUR MOM & DAD?
GOOD FOR YOU, IT'S FREEZING OUT HERE!
WHO'S THIS, MAYU?
ISN'T SHE CUTE? SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE ME, RIGHT?
BOW
BOW
SHING!
AH, FORGIVE ME FOR NOT INTRODUCING MYSELF
LOOK, WE'RE EVEN BOTH DRESSED LIKE SANTAS!
おぉ!! WHOOOOA!
ばっ!!
FLAP
UNDRESSING
脱ぎっ!!
HI...
NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'M MAYU'S COUSIN, YUKINO.
THE NUMBER ONE PERSON I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME...
AND SHE'S FULL-ON DRUNK, TOO.
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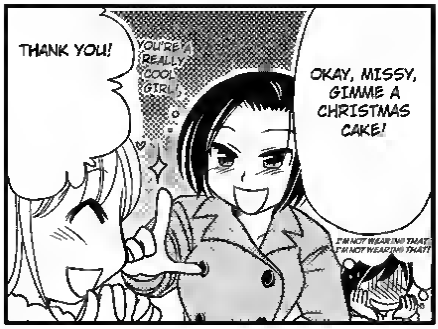
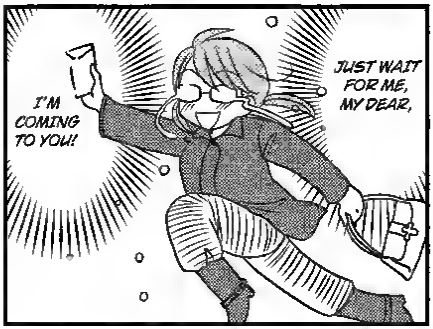
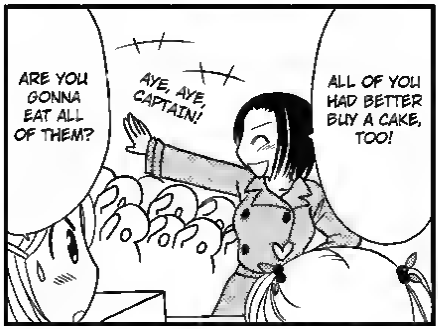
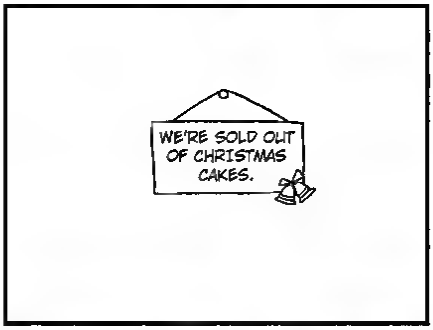
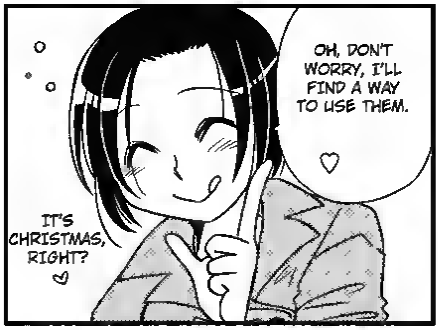
SKIP
SKIP
FINDING AN ATM WITH NO FEES TOOK FOREVER...

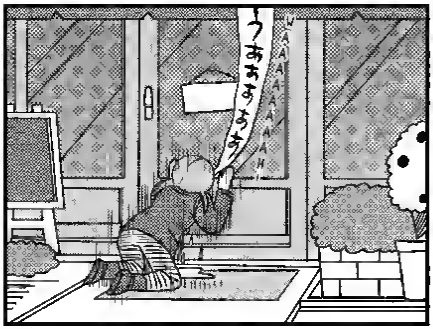

THANK YOU!
YOU'RE A REALLY COOL GIRL.
OKAY, MISSY, GIMME A CHRISTMAS CAKE!
I'M NOT WEARING THAT, I'M NOT WEARING THAT!


I'M COMING TO YOU!
JUST WAIT FOR ME, MY DEAR,


ARE YOU GONNA EAT ALL OF THEM?
AYE, AYE, CAPTAIN!
ALL OF YOU HAD BETTER BUY A CAKE, TOO!


WE'RE SOLD OUT OF CHRISTMAS CAKES.


OH, DON'T WORRY, I'LL FIND A WAY TO USE THEM.
IT'S CHRISTMAS, RIGHT?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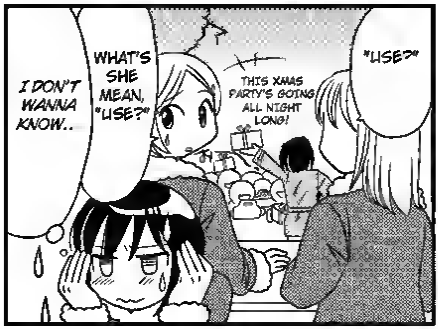
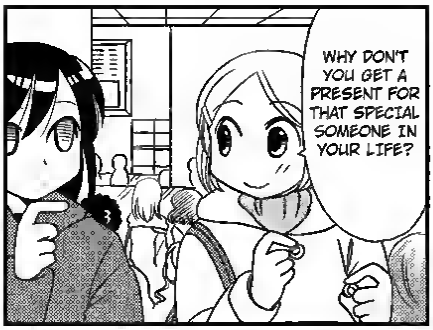
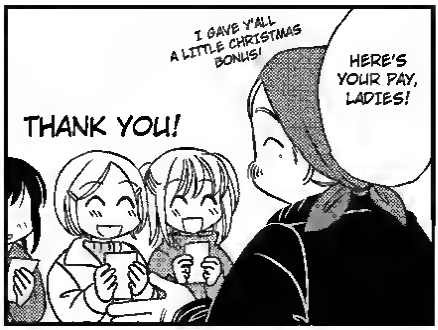
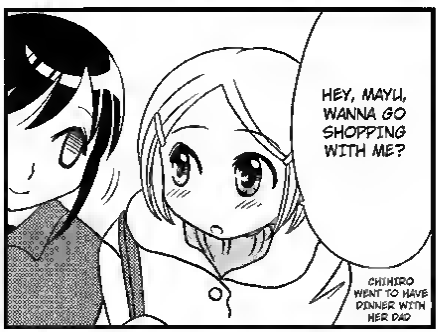
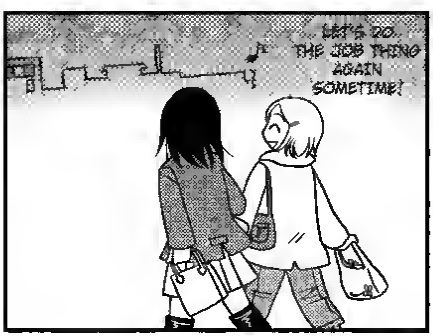
WAAAAAAAAAH

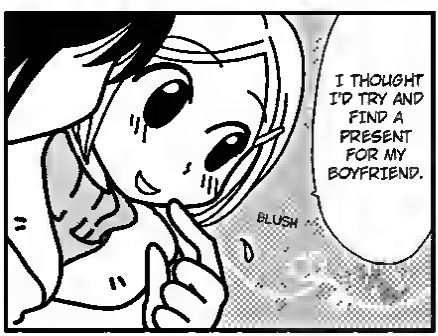

I DON'T WANNA KNOW..
WHAT'S SHE MEAN, "USE?"
THIS XMAS PARTY'S GOING ALL NIGHT LONG!
"USE?"

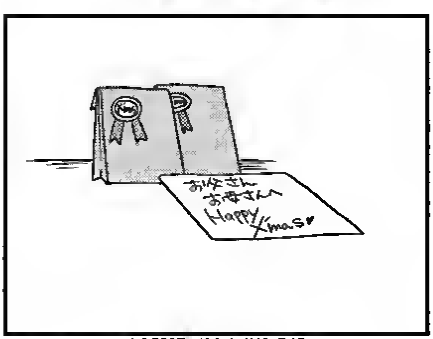




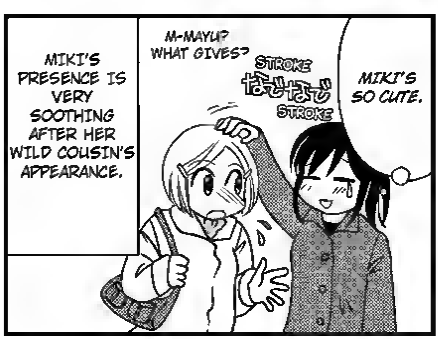




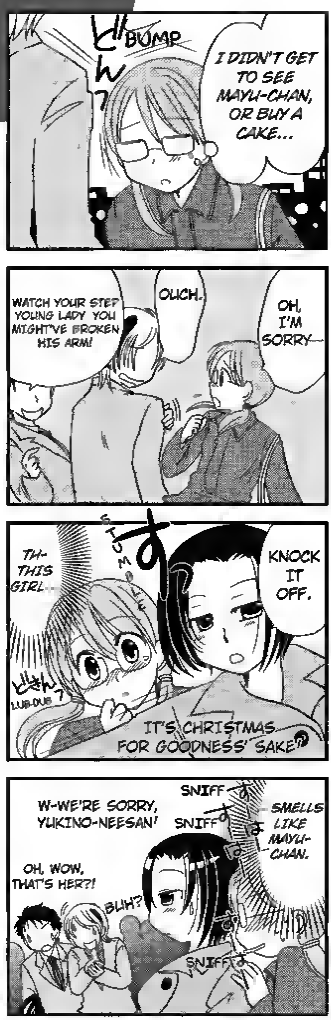




LETTER. MOM AND DAD, HAPPY XMAS

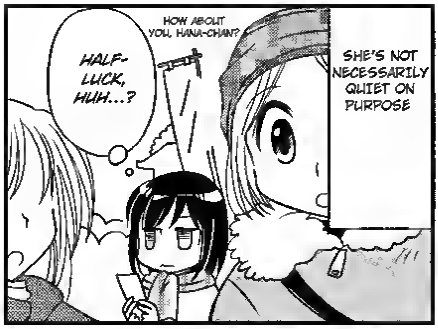


MORITA SAN WA MUKUCHI



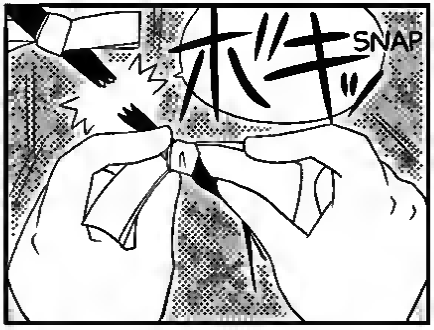
WHAT'D YOU GET, MAYU?
INTO MY WALLET YOU GO!
BEST LUCK!
GOOD LUCK.
Silence 23
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE
きん AGONIZE
WHAT'S "HALF LUCK?"
ALL LUCK GETS HALVED? IS THIS BETTER OR WORSE THAN "UNCERTAIN LUCK?"
THAT'S TWO YEARS IN A ROW I'VE GOT THE BEST FORTUNE!

I GOT BAD LUCK.


HOW ABOUT YOU, HANA-CHAN?
HALF-LUCK, HUH...?
SHE'S NOT NECESSARILY QUIET ON PURPOSE

HERE, TIE IT TO THE BRANCH AND YOU CAN LEAVE IT BEHIND!
DON'T SWEAT IT, IT'S JUST A RANDOM FORTUNE.

...THE NEXT DAY IT'LL BE HALF OFF...?
PERHAPS IF I BUY SOME-THING AT 30% OFF...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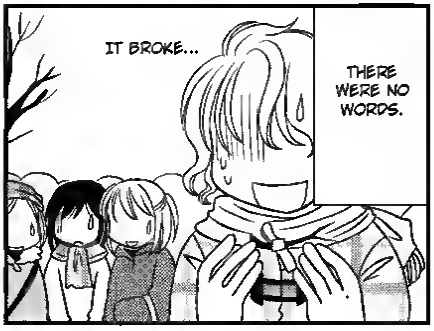
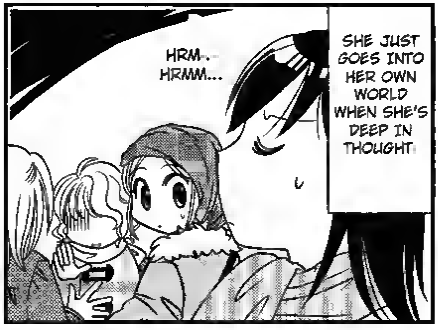
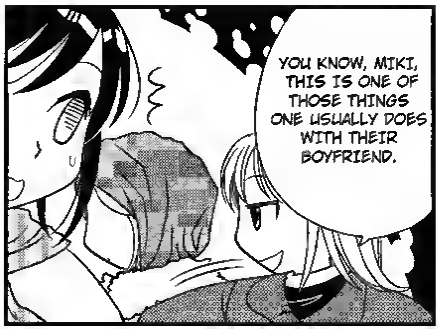
SNAP

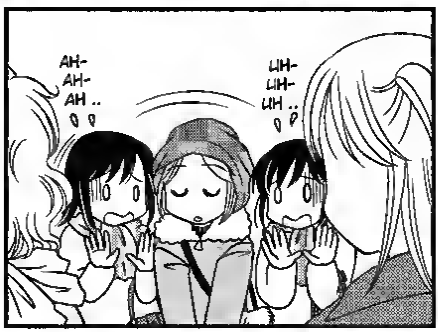

IT BROKE...
THERE WERE NO WORDS.


HRM... HRMM...
SHE JUST GOES INTO HER OWN WORLD WHEN SHE'S DEEP IN THOUGHT

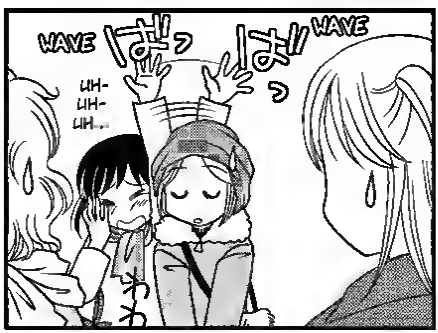
OK, LET'S BUY US SOME GOOD-LUCK CHARMS FOR ROMANCE!


YOU KNOW, MIKI, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS ONE USUALLY DOES WITH THEIR BOYFRIEND.

YAMAMOTO-SAN?

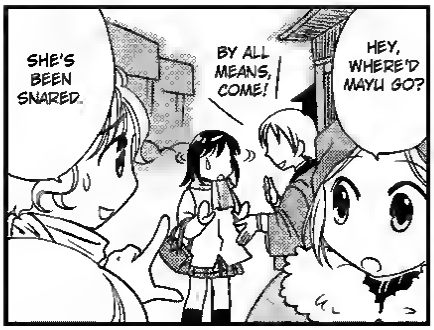

AH-AH-AH ..
UH-UH-UH ..

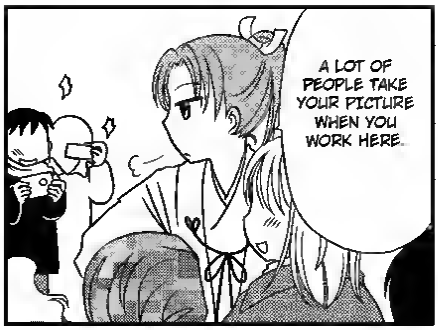
I WAS HOPING I WOULDN'T RUN INTO ANYONE I KNEW.
IT'S A PART-TIME JOB.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU'RE A SHRINE MAIDEN?


WAVE
WAVE
UH-UH-UH..

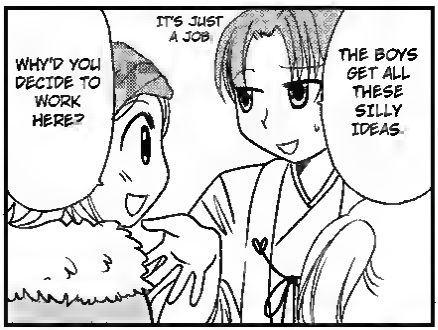
I DON'T WANT DISCOUNT LUCK...
HEY, CAN WE GET A CLASSMATE'S DISCOUNT?

WHAT'RE YOU CRYING FOR?
WAAAAH!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, I GET IT.


SHE'S BEEN SNARED.
BY ALL MEANS, COME!
HEY, WHERE'D MAYU GO?


A LOT OF PEOPLE TAKE YOUR PICTURE WHEN YOU WORK HERE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME FOR TEA AS WELL?
JEEZ, YOU GOT CAUGHT ALREADY?


WHY'D YOU DECIDE TO WORK HERE?
IT'S JUST A JOB.
THE BOYS GET ALL THESE SILLY IDEAS.

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ME
ME
IT'S FREE.
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ME
はい
ME

BECAUSE THE MONEY'S GREAT.
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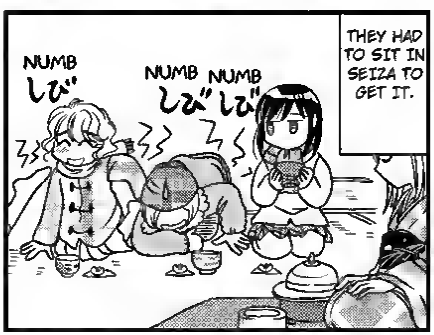
GLARE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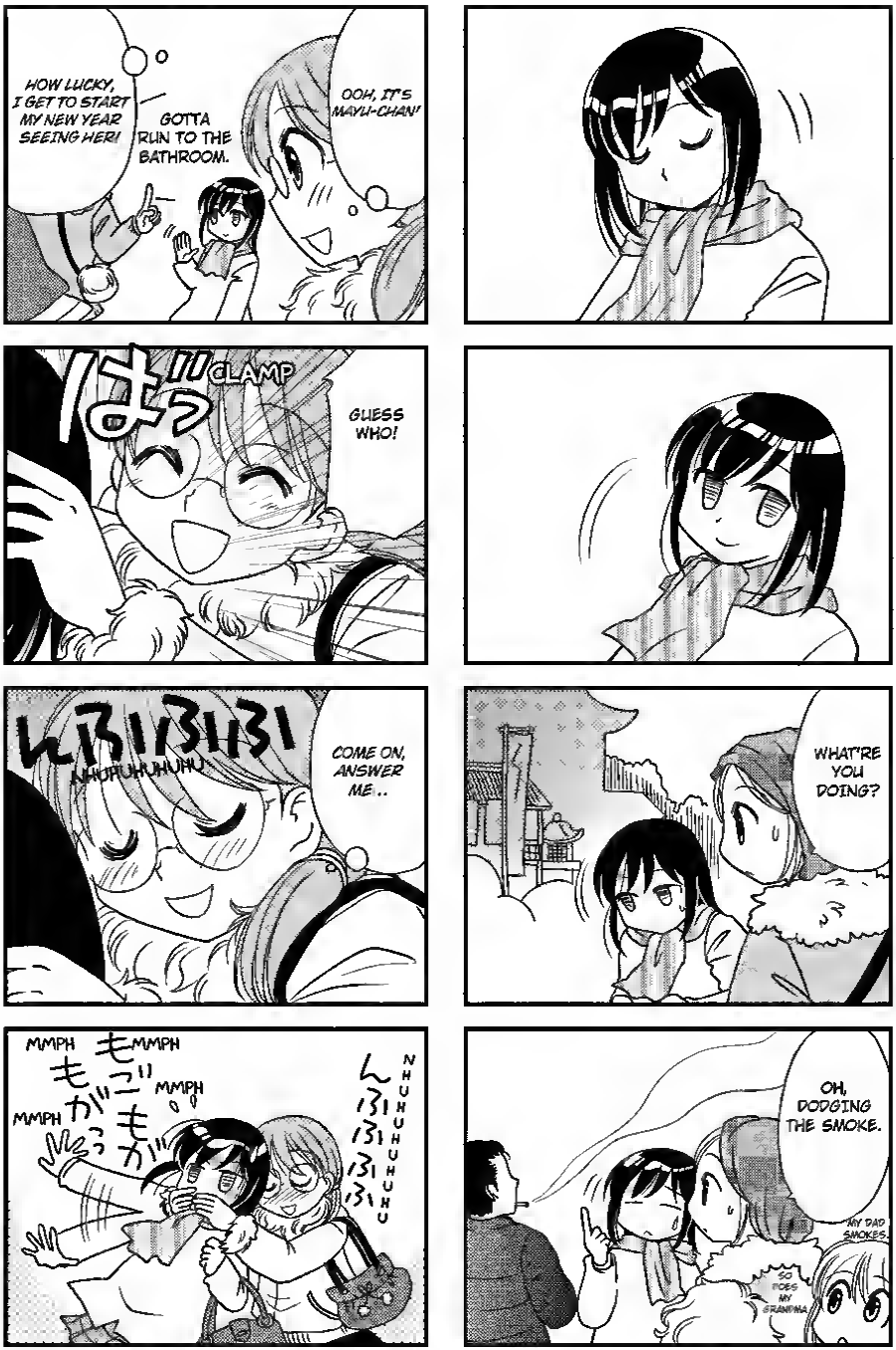
THEY HAD TO SIT IN SEIZA TO GET IT.

WHAT'S THE WORKLOAD LIKE?
MAYBE I'LL APPLY NEXT YEAR!
WOMEN TEND TO BE VERY PRAGMATIC.


HOW LUCKY, I GET TO START MY NEW YEAR SEEING HER!
GOTTA RUN TO THE BATHROOM.
OOH, IT'S MAYU-CHAN!
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CLAMP
GUESS WHO!
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NHUFUHUHUHU
COME ON, ANSWER ME..
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
MMPH
モゴゴ
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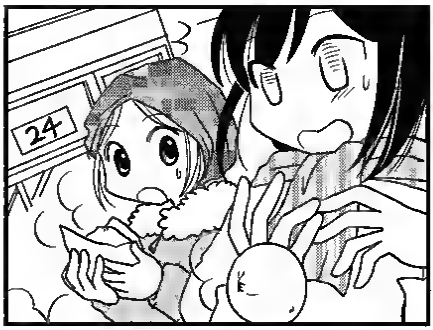
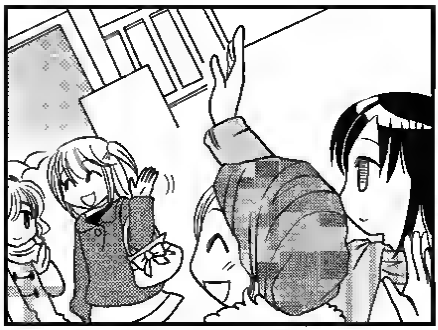
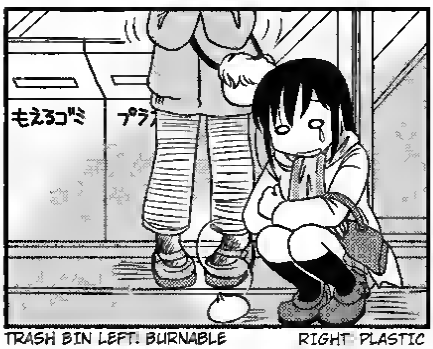
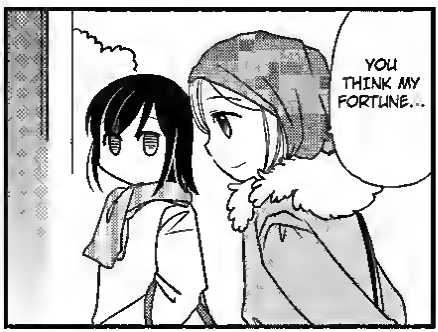
NHUHUHUHUHU
OH, DODGING THE SMOKE.
MY DAD SMOKES.
SO DOES MY GRANDMA

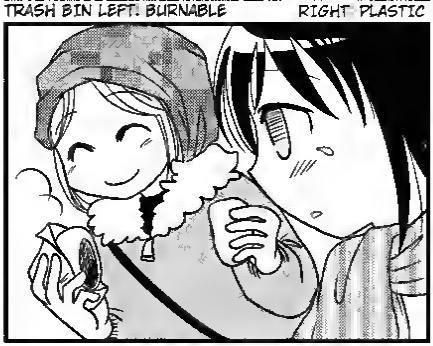


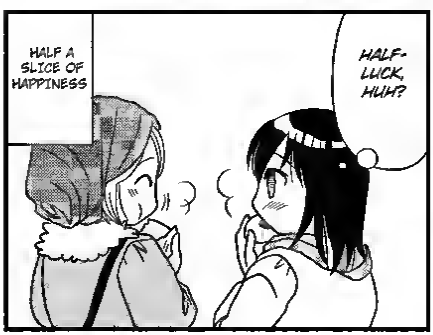


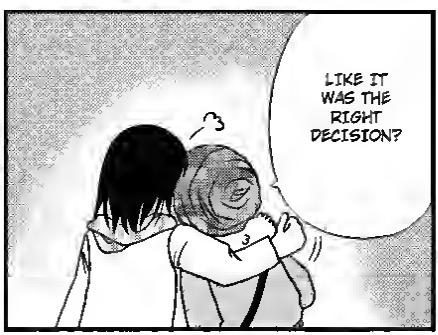


TRASH BIN LEFT: BURNABLE RIGHT: PLASTIC





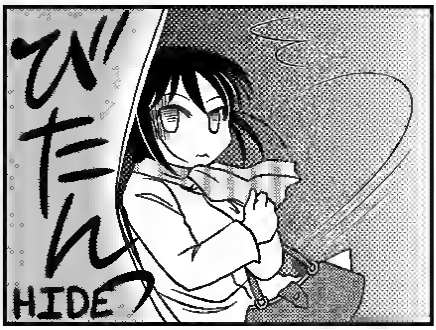




I THINK IT GOES "LITTLE LUCK", "LUCK", "HALF-LUCK", "UNCERTAIN LUCK."

I'M—

THE KANJI CHARACTER FOR "BAD LUCK"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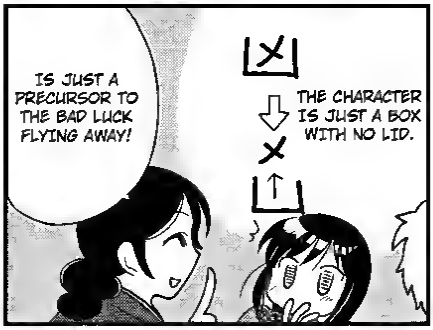
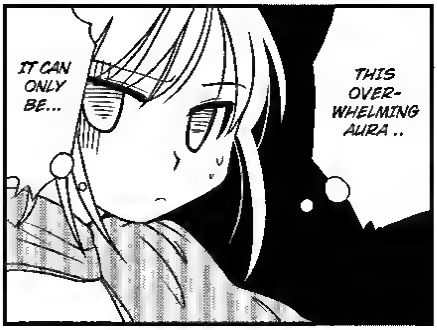
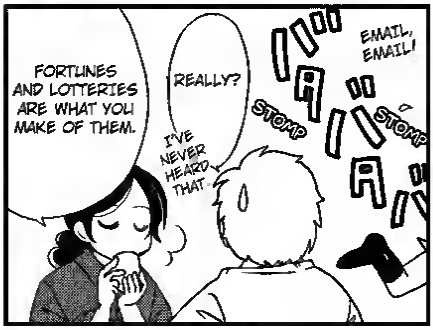
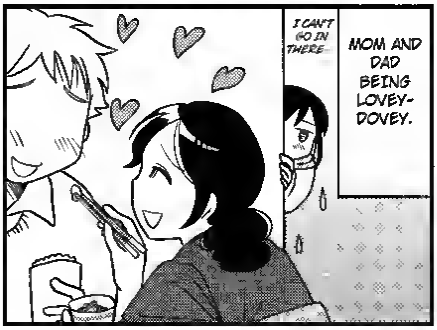

IS JUST A PRECURSOR TO THE BAD LUCK FLYING AWAY!
THE CHARACTER IS JUST A BOX WITH NO LID.

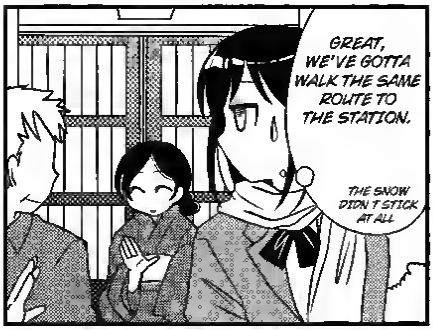

IT CAN ONLY BE...
THIS OVER-WHELMING AURA ..


FORTUNES AND LOTTERIES ARE WHAT YOU MAKE OF THEM.
REALLY?
I'VE NEVER HEARD THAT
EMAIL, EMAIL!
STOMP
STOMP


I CAN'T GO IN THERE
MOM AND DAD BEING LOVEY-DOVEY.

HUG
WANNA JOIN ME? WELL SHARE A NICE DRINK, JUST THE TWO OF US.
I'M GETTING CHILLY.
WOULD YOU GET ME A DRINK?
DEAR ..
NO, NO, NOT OVER THERE,
COME SIT NEXT TO ME!
PAT ぽん
PAT ぽん
I LOVE YOU, YUMI!
CLAP ぱち
CLAP ぱち
HERE YOU ARE!
MAYU'S UNDER THERE, DEAR
...
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
RIGHT NOW, SHE HAS A GOOD REASON TO BE A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
Silence 24

OH!
...
I THOUGHT IT WAS GETTING COLD, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY SNOWING.
WELL, THEY WEREN'T FIGHTING OR ANYTHING.
TOMORROW IT'LL BE AS WHITE AS A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER.
I'M GLAD MOM AND DAD . . . ...LOVE EACH OTHER SO MUCH.
MAYBE IF I'M LUCKY, SLEEP WILL BLANK WHAT I JUST SAW, TOO.
DASH
LIKE I COULD EVER TELL THEM THAT, THOUGH.


GREAT, WE'VE GOTTA WALK THE SAME ROUTE TO THE STATION.
THE SNOW DIDN'T STICK AT ALL

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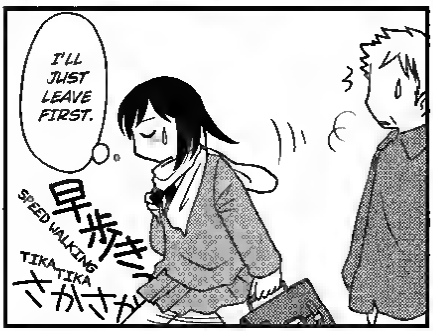
I'LL JUST LEAVE FIRST.
SPEED WALKING
早歩き
TIKA TIKA
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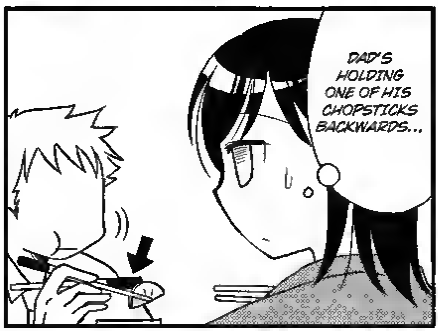
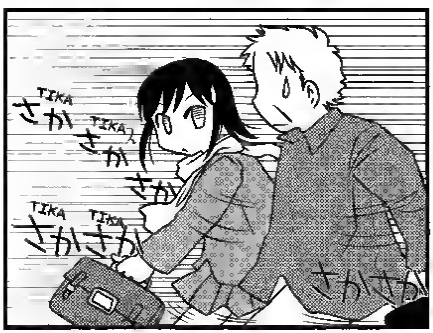

DAD'S HOLDING ONE OF HIS CHOPSTICKS BACKWARDS...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HE MUST STILL BE DISTRACTED.
CHEW CHEW
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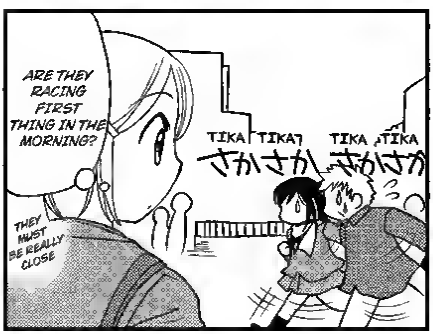
ARE THEY RACING FIRST THING IN THE MORNING?
THEY MUST BE REALLY CLOSE
TIKA TIKA
さかさか
TIKA TIKA
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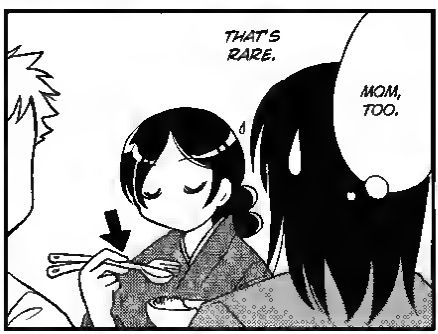
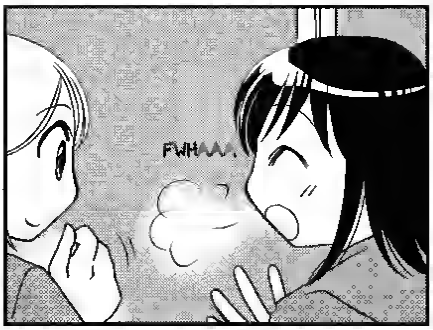
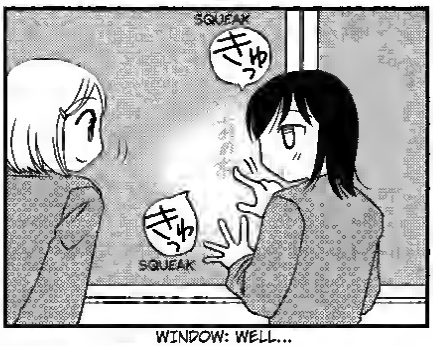
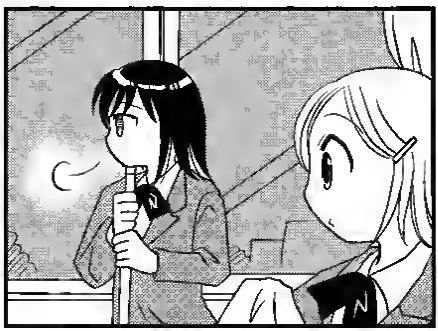
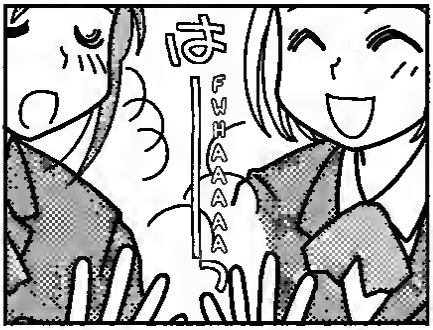

THAT'S RARE.
MOM, TOO.

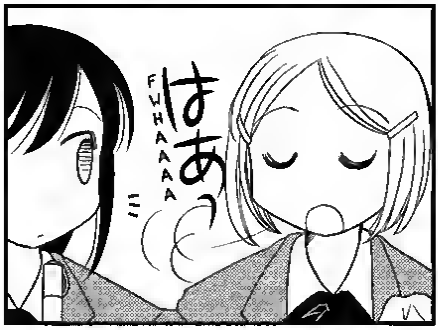


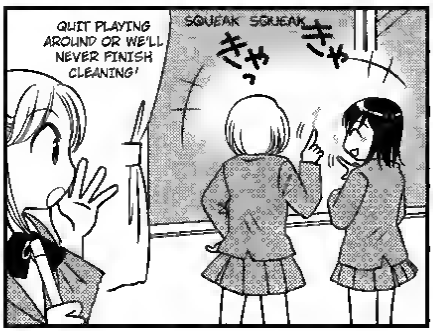


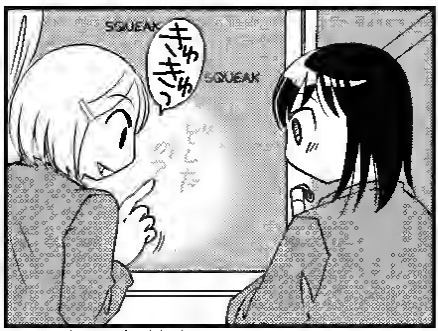
WINDOW: WELL...





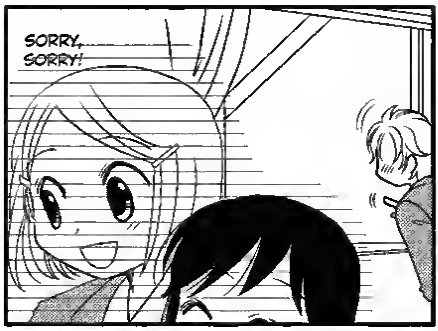


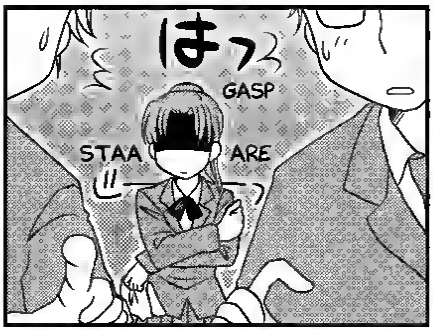




WINDOW: WHAT'S UP?

ON THREE... READY?
READY


SORRY, SORRY!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GASP
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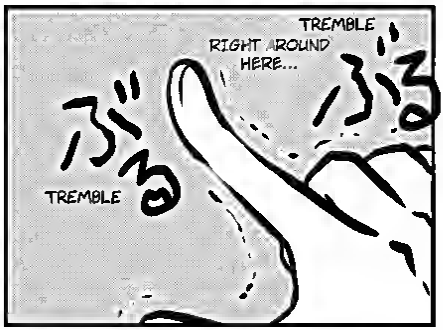
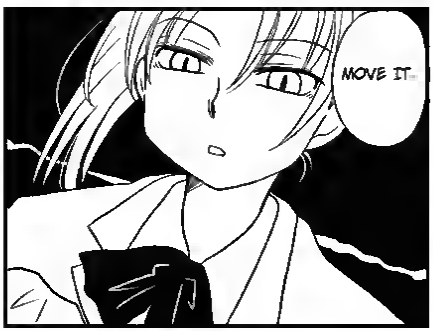
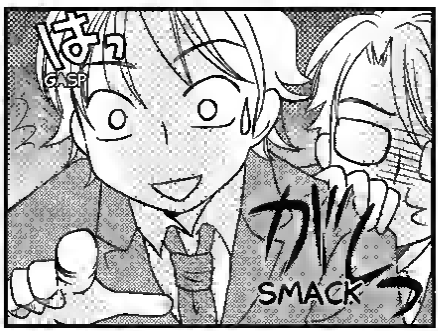

TREMBLE RIGHT AROUND HERE...
ぶる
TREMBLE


MOVE IT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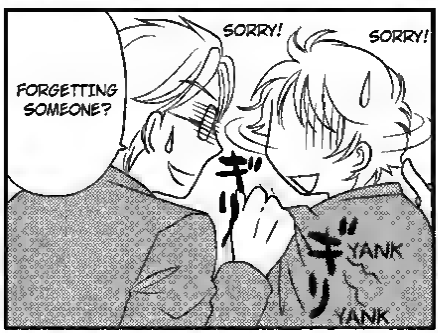
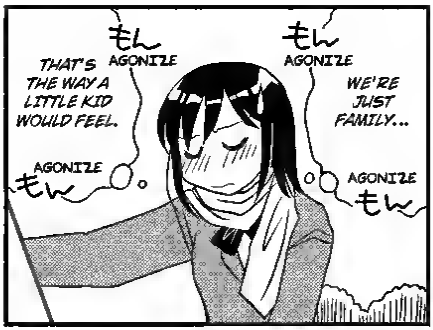
GASP
カバッ
SMACK

CAN'T ANYONE FINISH CLEANING AROUND HERE?
Noooo
あぁあぁあぁ
VROOM


SORRY!
SORRY!
FORGETTING SOMEONE?
ギリ
YANK
ギリ
YANK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AGONIZE
THAT'S THE WAY A LITTLE KID WOULD FEEL.
もん
AGONIZE
WE'RE JUST FAMILY...
AGONIZE
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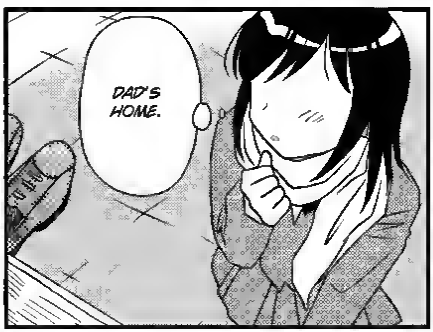
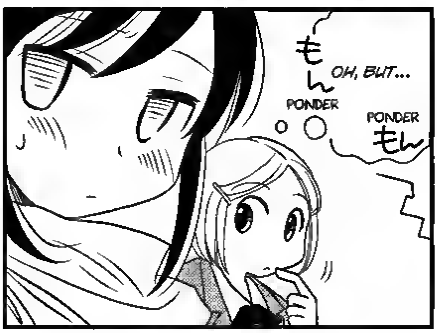
WELL, IT'S GOOD THAT THEY'RE GETTING ALONG, ISN'T IT?


DAD'S HOME.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OH, BUT...
PONDER
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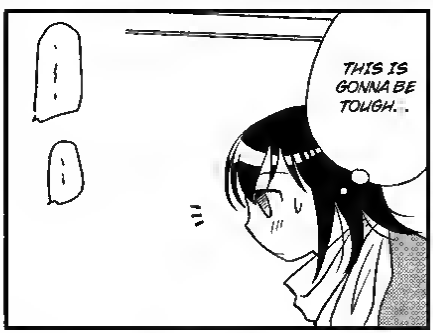
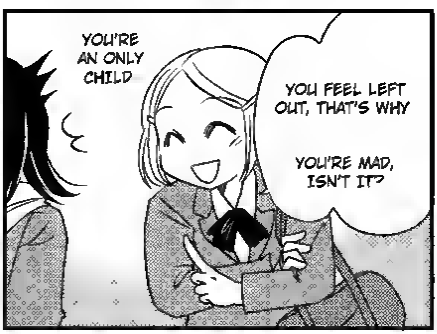
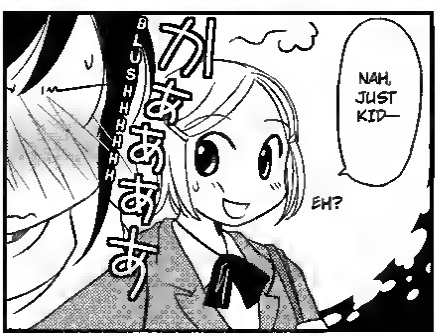
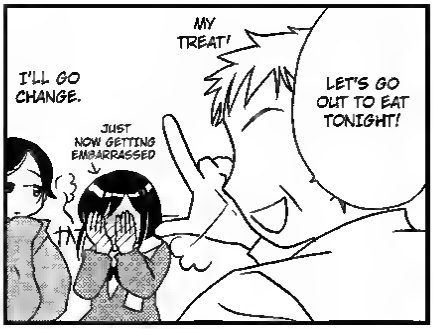
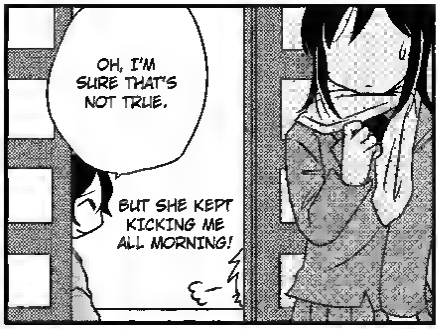

THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH...

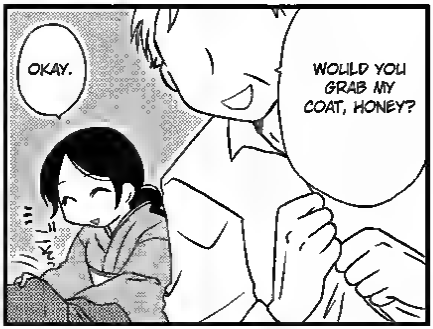

YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD
YOU FEEL LEFT OUT, THAT'S WHY
YOU'RE MAD, ISN'T IT?

I GUESS SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME ANYMORE.


NAH, JUST KID—
EH?


I'LL GO CHANGE.
JUST NOW GETTING EMBARRASSED
MY TREAT!
LET'S GO OUT TO EAT TONIGHT!


OH, I'M SURE THAT'S NOT TRUE.
BUT SHE KEPT KICKING ME ALL MORNING!


OKAY.
WOULD YOU GRAB MY COAT, HONEY?

...LOVE SO MUCH, YOU KNOW?
I JUST .

FLUTTER
FLUTTER
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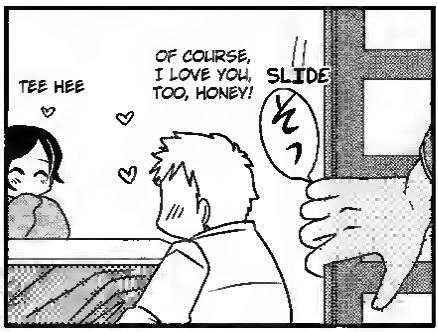
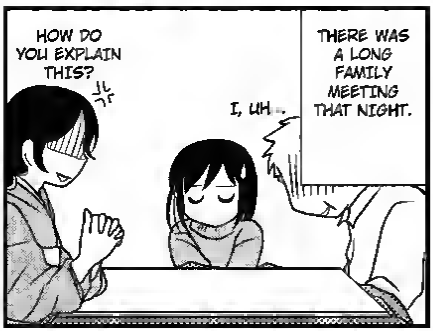
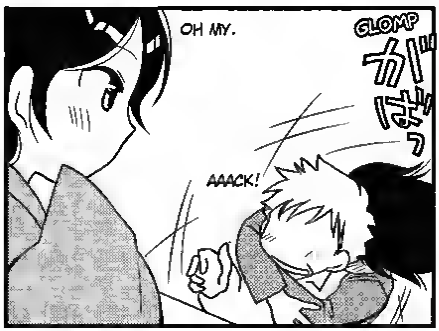
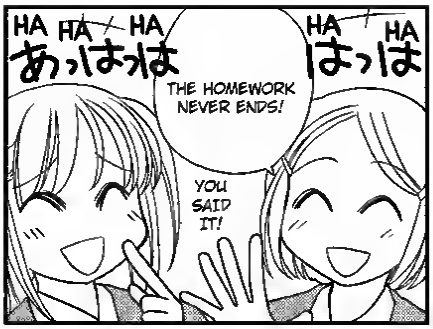
CARDS: LOVEY CABARET. COME SEE US AGAIN!
PLAYER'S CARD


TEE HEE
OF COURSE, I LOVE YOU, TOO, HONEY!
SLIDE
そっ


HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?
I, UH...
THERE WAS A LONG FAMILY MEETING THAT NIGHT.


OH MY.
GLOMP
がばっ
AAACK!

MORITA SAN WA MUKUCHI
I-IT'S ALL A BIG MISUNDER-STANDING!
DAD'S SIDE
SLAM
THEY JUST SLIPPED THEIR BUSINESS CARDS IN MY POCKETS!
MEANING YOU LET THEM GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO YOUR BODY TO DO SO.
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE THEM SLIPPING THEIR HANDS IN YOUR POCKETS?
THIS'S GOING TO GO ON ALL NIGHT
HE STEPPED ON A HORNET'S NEST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HA HA
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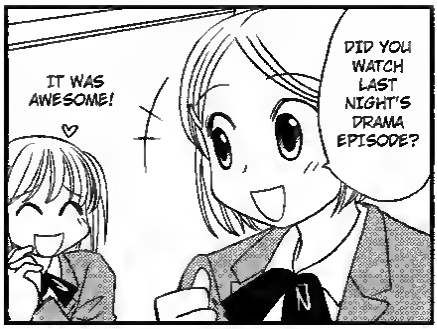
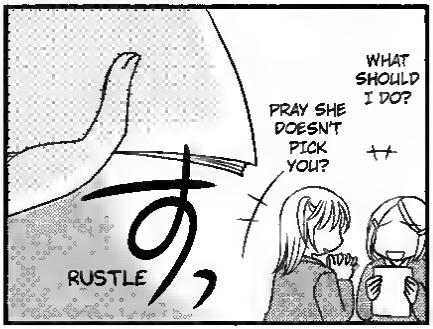
THE HOMEWORK NEVER ENDS!
YOU SAID IT!


DID YOU WATCH LAST NIGHT'S DRAMA EPISODE?
IT WAS AWESOME!


WHAT SHOULD I DO?
PRAY SHE DOESN'T PICK YOU?
RUSTLE
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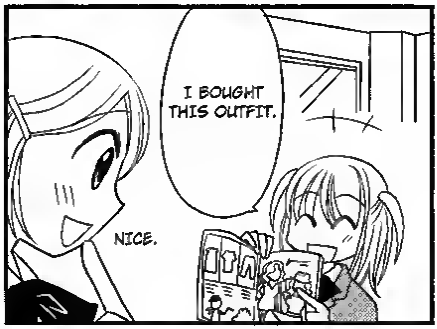
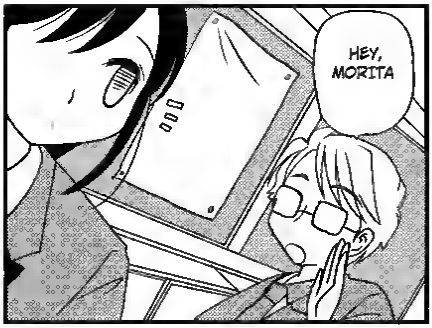

I BOUGHT THIS OUTFIT.
NICE.

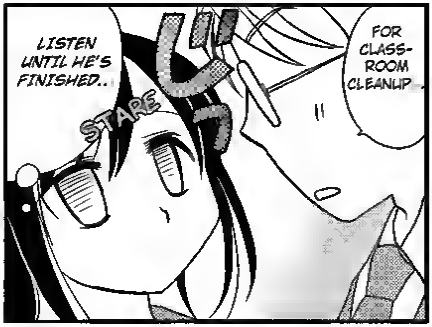
Silence 25

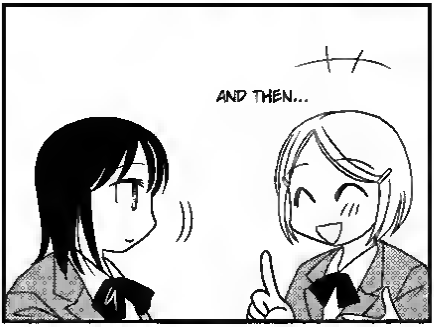
ANOTHER HIGH-ENERGY MORNING...
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE
THANK YOU!
THANKS!

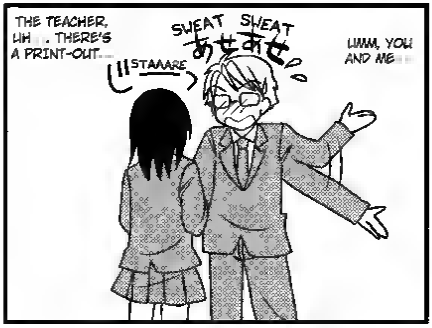
MAYU, MAKE SURE YOU LISTEN ATTENTIVELY UNTIL THE OTHER PERSON FINISHES
MOM, YUMI
SO, ABOUT WHAT'S ON THE TEST TODAY...
SHE'S NOT NECESSARILY QUIET ON PURPOSE
IF YOU DON'T LISTEN CAREFULLY, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE A COMPLETE ANSWER.
WRITE WRITE
WHAT NEW STORE?
WANNA HIT THAT NEW STORE TODAY?
BY THE WAY, DEAR...
MY CELL PHONE—
I'VE GOT A COUPON ON MY PHONE
ARE YOU WEARING LIP GLOSS, MIKI-CHAN?
SHE LEARNED HER MANNERS FROM HER MOTHER
WHO, EXACTLY, IS AKEMI-SAN?
LET'S LISTEN TO THIS VOICEMAIL UNTIL THE VERY END
TUHTUH
JUST KEEPING UP WITH ALL THE CONVER-SATIONS IS HARD ENOUGH
TEST, STORE, COUPONS, MAKEUP
AGONIZE
AGONIZE
LOOK, LOOK!
HOW FAR DO YOU THINK IT'LL COVER?
I LOVE THAT COLOR
MATERIAL, LIP GLOSS
AGONIZE

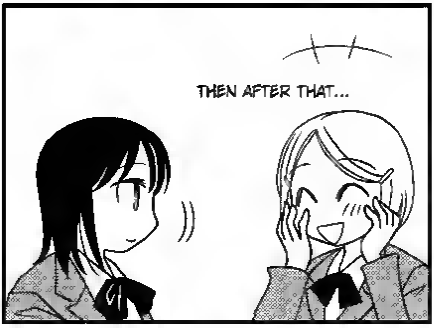

HEY, MORITA

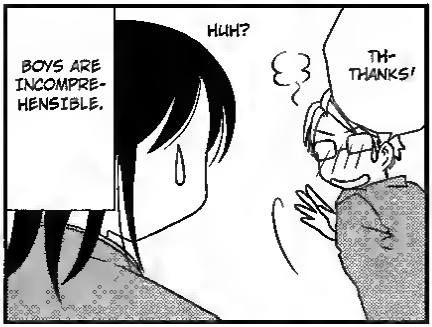
LISTEN UNTIL THE OTHER PERSON FINISHES...

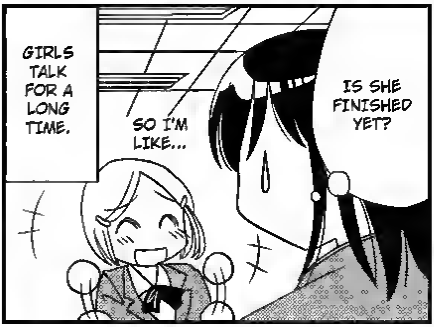

LISTEN UNTIL HE'S FINISHED..
STARE
FOR CLASS-ROOM CLEANUP

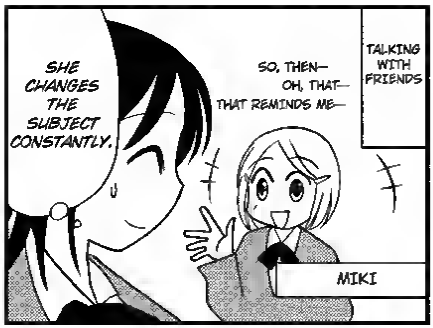

AND THEN...


THE TEACHER, UH... THERE'S A PRINT-OUT...
SWEAT SWEAT
あせあせ
STAAARE
UMM, YOU AND ME...


THEN AFTER THAT...

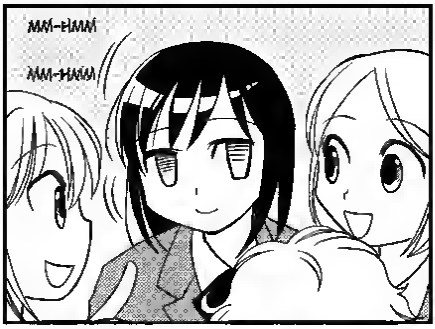

BOYS ARE INCOMPRE-HENSIBLE.
HUH?
TH-THANKS!


GIRLS TALK FOR A LONG TIME.
SO I'M LIKE...
IS SHE FINISHED YET?


SHE CHANGES THE SUBJECT CONSTANTLY.
SO, THEN— OH, THAT— THAT REMINDS ME—
TALKING WITH FRIENDS
MIKI

I'LL LISTEN CAREFULLY.
THEN ANSWER PROPERLY.

IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW.
I USE A CONTROL COLOR—
I WANT SOME NICER GLITTER—
CHIHIRO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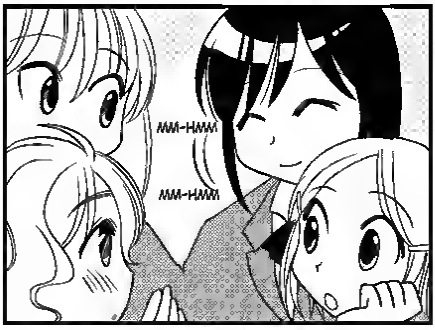
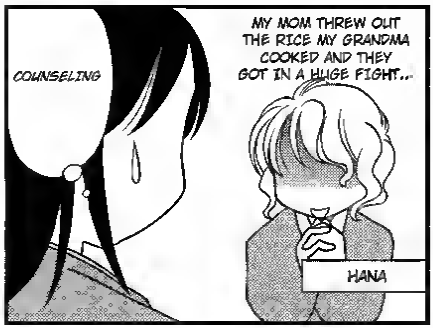
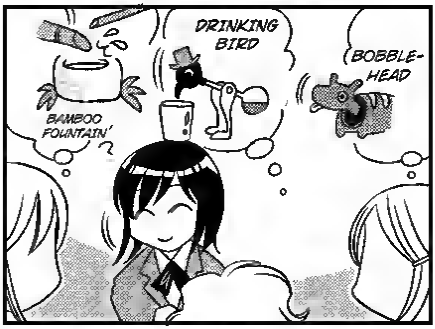
MM-HMM

EVERYONE'S GOT SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO TALK ABOUT.
IT'S SO INTERESTING.


MM-HMM
MM-HMM


COUNSELING
MY MOM THREW OUT THE RICE MY GRANDMA COOKED AND THEY GOT IN A HUGE FIGHT...
HANA


BAMBOO FOUNTAIN
DRINKING BIRD
(BOBBLE-HEAD

HMM?
TEXTING'S SO CONVENIENT.
I WANT TO HELP.
ITCHING TO HELP
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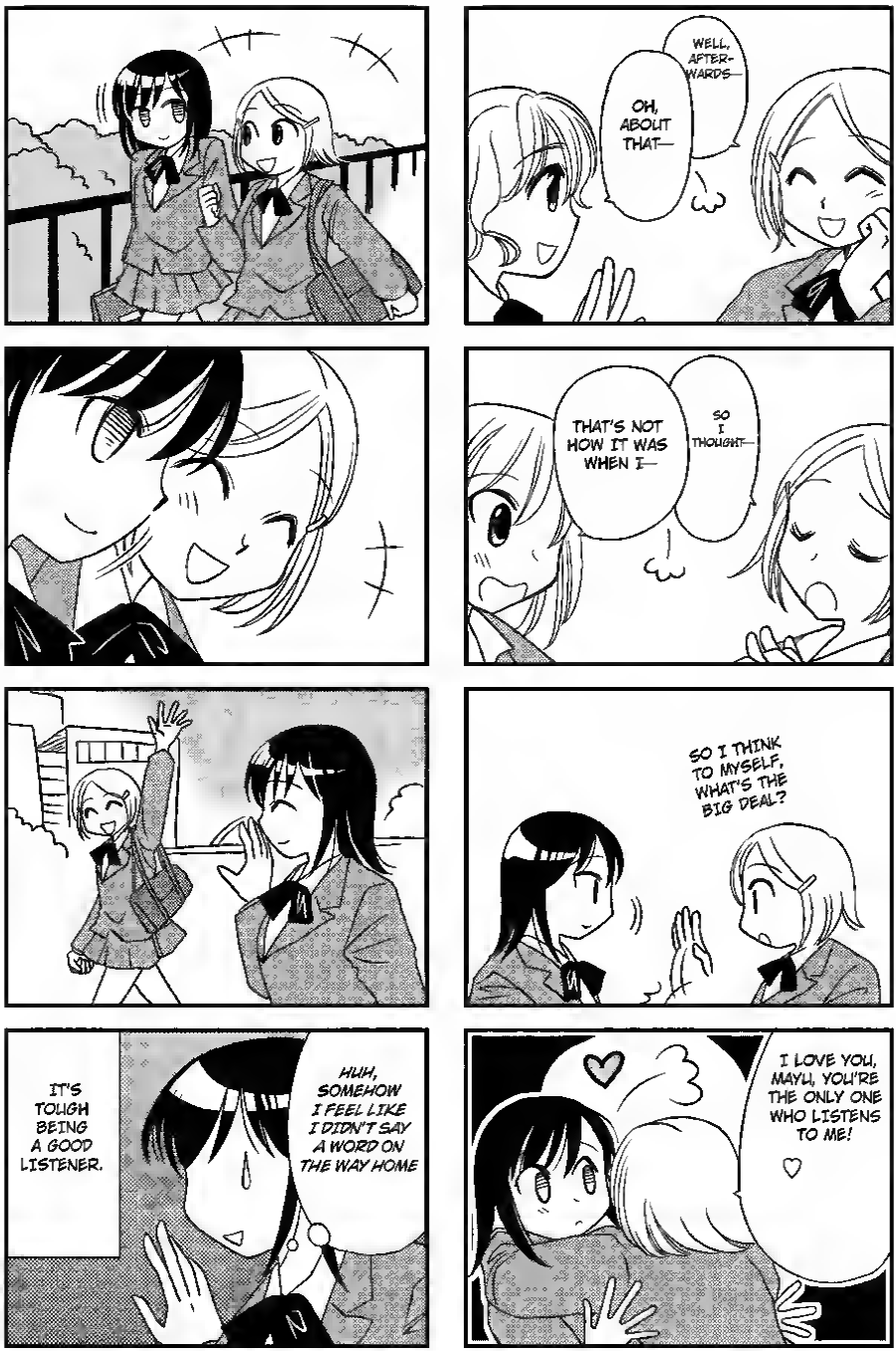
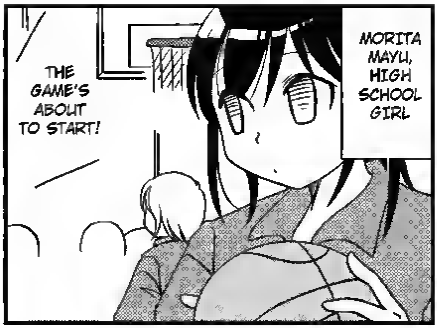
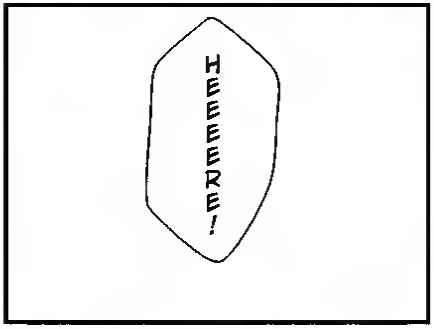
HOW DO I DO THIS AGAIN?
THIS IS TOUGH TO PUT INTO WORDS.
WHAT EMOTICON SHOULD USE?
OH, THERE WE GO.
I'LL JUST SEE WHAT SHE WANTS TO DO, AND—
I DON'T HAVE TO BE TOO FORMAL... THIS EMOTICON DOESN'T SUIT THE TONE. I DON'T WANNA TAKE TOO LONG TO RESPOND... AAH, WHAT SHOULD I DO? I'VE GOTTA SAY SOMETHING! OOPS, I HIT SEND...
NUTS.
WHO'S NUMBER IS THIS?!
IT CAN GET LONELY WHEN NO ONE RELIES ON YOU.
THAT WAS SUPER SHORT.
PHONE: OKAY

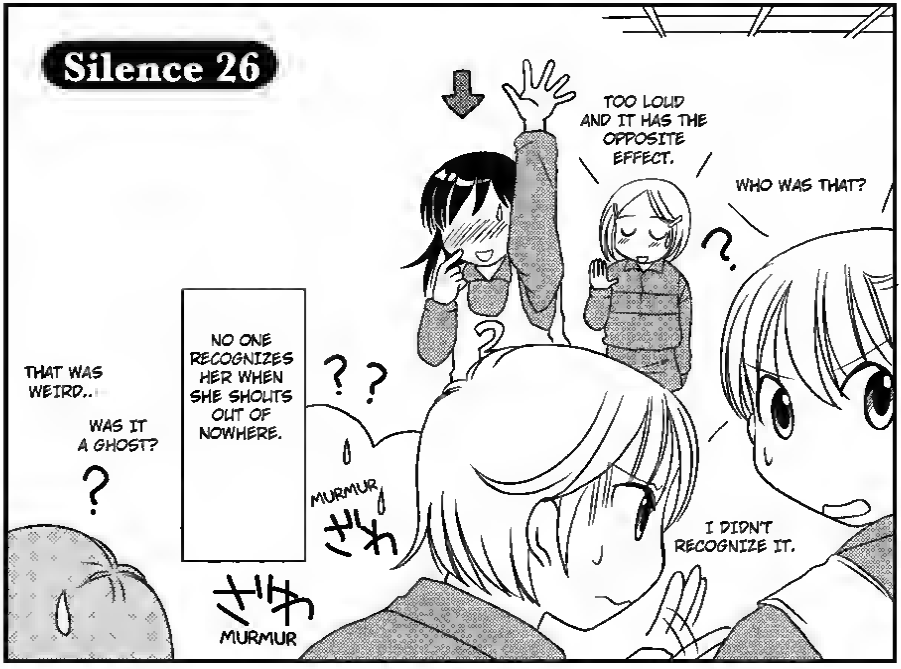

WELL, AFTER-WARDS—
OH, ABOUT THAT—
THAT'S NOT HOW IT WAS WHEN I—
SO I THOUGHT—
SO I THINK TO MYSELF, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
I LOVE YOU, MAYU, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO LISTENS TO ME!
HUH, SOMEHOW I FEEL LIKE I DIDN'T SAY A WORD ON THE WAY HOME
IT'S TOUGH BEING A GOOD LISTENER.

HERE!
HERE!
HERE!

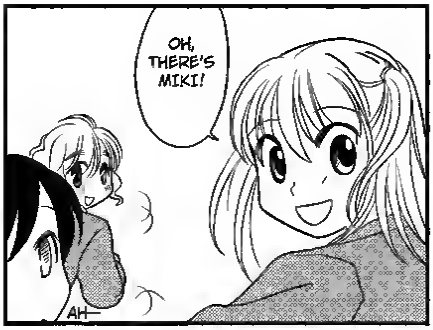

MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
THE GAME'S ABOUT TO START!

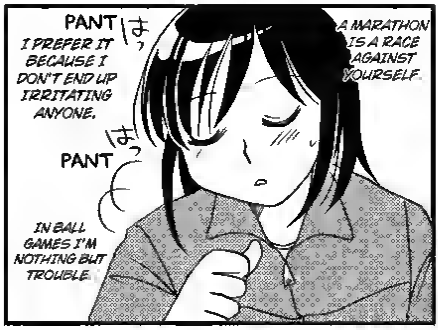

HEEEERE!

I WANNA HEAR EVERYONE CALLING FOR THE BALL!
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.


Silence 26
TOO LOUD AND IT HAS THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.
WHO WAS THAT?
I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT.
NO ONE RECOGNIZES HER WHEN SHE SHOUTS OUT OF NOWHERE.
MURMUR
MURMUR
THAT WAS WEIRD..
WAS IT A GHOST?

LET'S RUN TOGETHER, MAYU!
TWO LAPS AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVERYONE!
MAYU!
PSYCH!
HAHAHA
GO!
DASH
ACADEMICS ARE NO PROBLEM.
I'M GONNA GET CALLED ON NEXT PERIOD, HELP ME OUT.
CAN I HELP?
WHOA—
TRIP
I HATE RUNNING.
WHAT?!
OUR GYM CLASS TODAY IS NOTHING BUT RUNNING!
WAIT FOR ME!
I'M TOTALLY SORRY, MAYU!
BUT SHE'S GOT NO PHYSICAL ACUMEN.
YOUR SOUL'S ESCAPING.
BUOOOM
UH, MAYU? WHAT'S WRONG?


OH, THERE'S MIKI!
AH—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I PREFER IT BECAUSE I DON'T END UP IRRITATING ANYONE.
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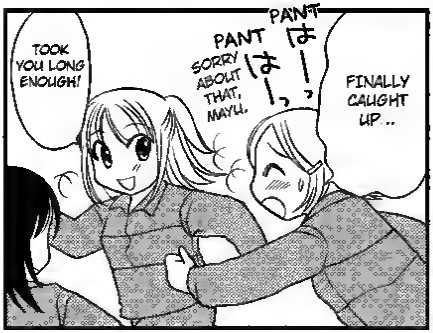
IN BALL GAMES I'M NOTHING BUT TROUBLE.
A MARATHON IS A RACE AGAINST YOURSELF.


TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!
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SORRY ABOUT THAT, MAYU.
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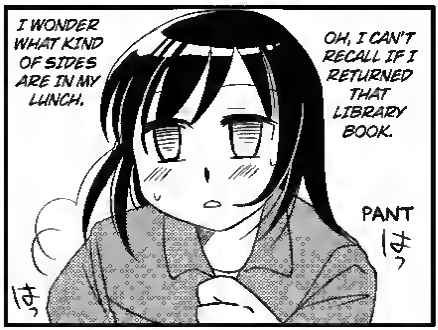
FINALLY CAUGHT UP ..


I WONDER WHAT KIND OF SIDES ARE IN MY LUNCH.
OH, I CAN'T RECALL IF I RETURNED THAT LIBRARY BOOK.
PANT
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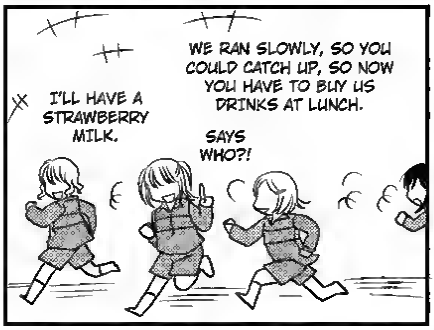
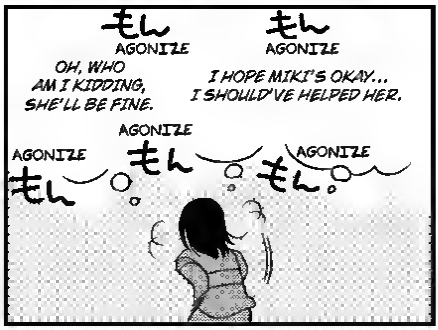

I'LL HAVE A STRAWBERRY MILK.
WE RAN SLOWLY, SO YOU COULD CATCH UP, SO NOW YOU HAVE TO BUY US DRINKS AT LUNCH.
SAYS WHO?!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AGONIZE
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AGONIZE
OH, WHO AM I KIDDING, SHE'LL BE FINE.
I HOPE MIKI'S OKAY... I SHOULD'VE HELPED HER.
AGONIZE
AGONIZE
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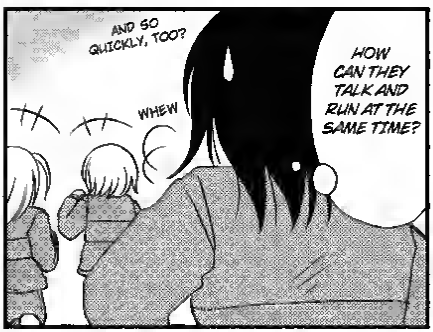
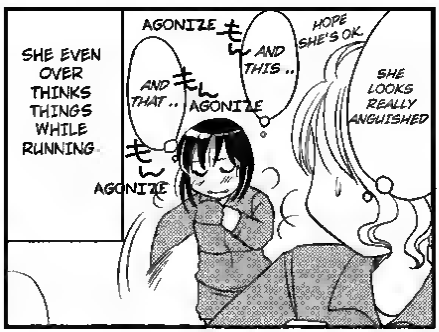

AND SO QUICKLY, TOO?
WHEW
HOW CAN THEY TALK AND RUN AT THE SAME TIME?


SHE EVEN OVER THINKS THINGS WHILE RUNNING
AGONIZE
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AND THIS ..
AND THAT ..
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AGONIZE
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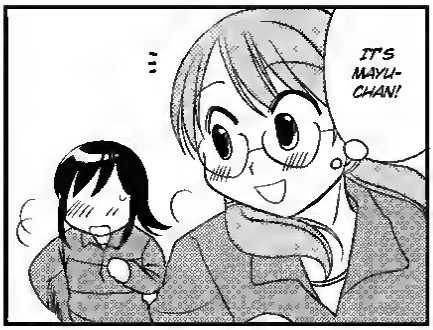
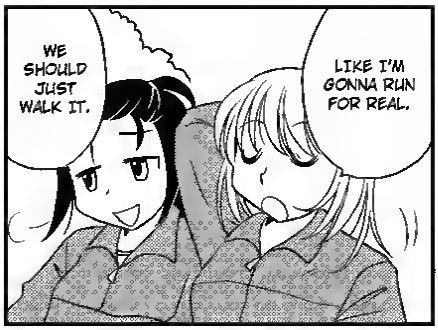
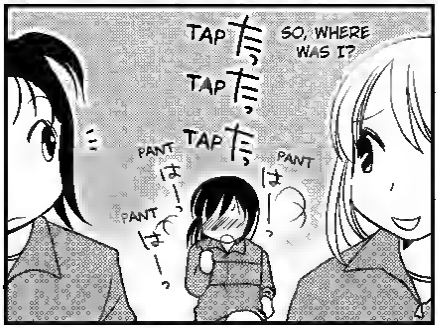
AGONIZE
HOPE SHE'S OK.
SHE LOOKS REALLY ANGUISHED


IT'S MAYU-CHAN!


WE SHOULD JUST WALK IT.
LIKE I'M GONNA RUN FOR REAL.

BUT I'LL RUN ALONGSIDE HER.
WELL, I CAN'T TALK TO HER NOW,
STEP す
STEP す...


TAP す
TAP す
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SO, WHERE WAS I?
PANT は！?
PANT は！?
PANT は！?

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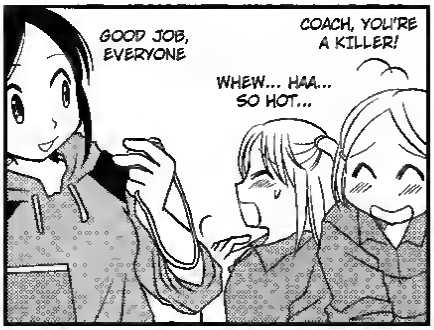

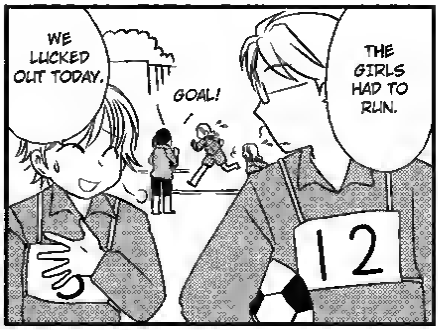

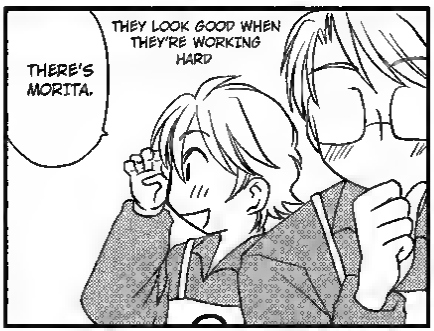

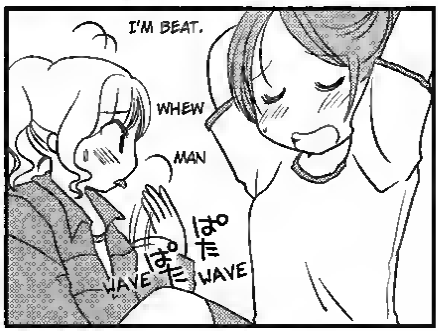

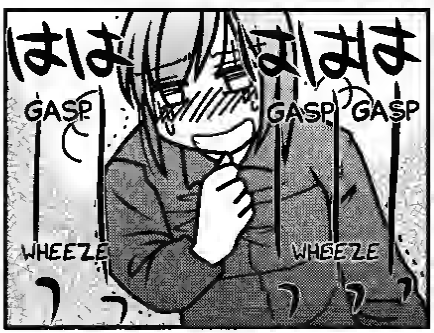

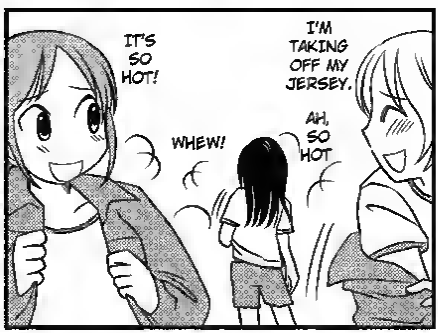

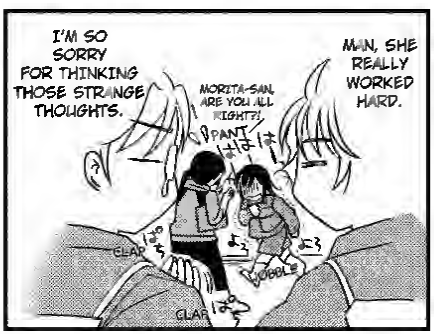

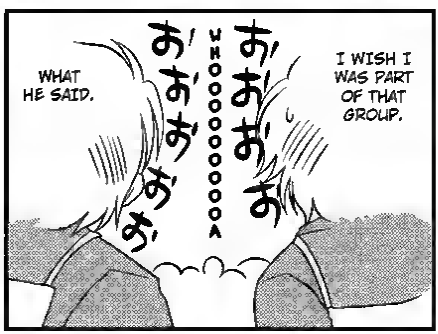
WHAT HE SAID.
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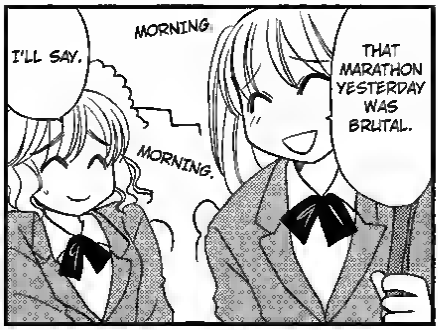
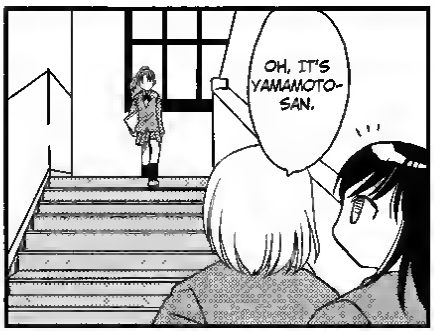
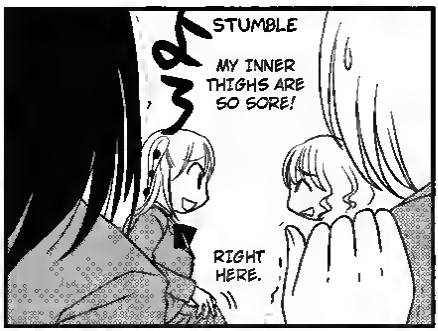
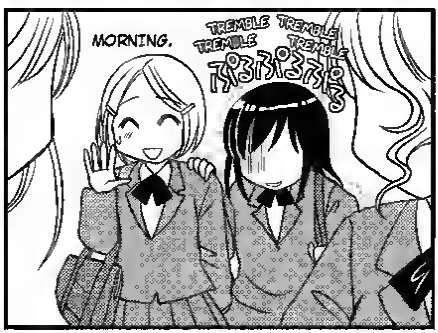
STAIRS... THIS IS GONNA HURT...


MORNING.
I'LL SAY.
MORNING.
THAT MARATHON YESTERDAY WAS BRUTAL.


OH, IT'S YAMAMOTO-SAN.


STUMBLE
MY INNER THIGHS ARE SO SORE!
RIGHT HERE.

SPARKLE


MORNING.
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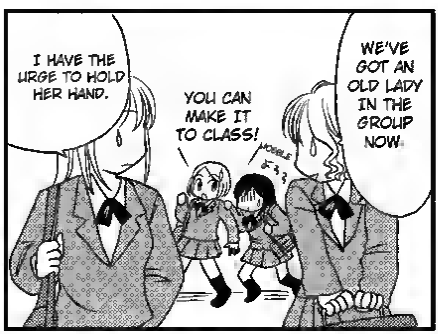
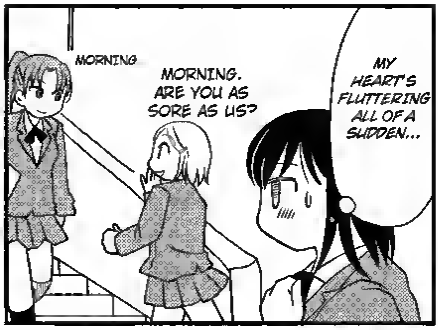
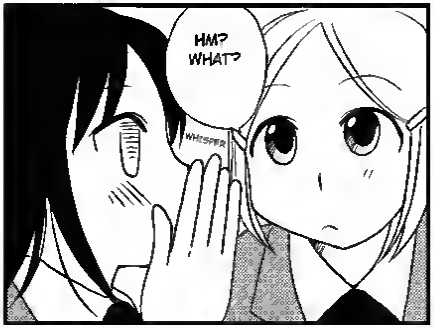
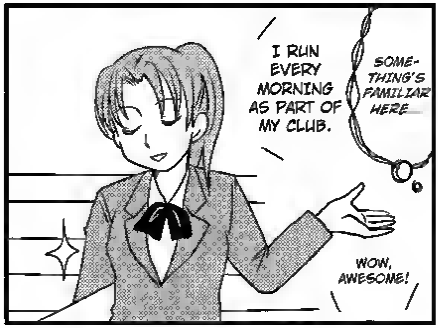
LUB-DUB

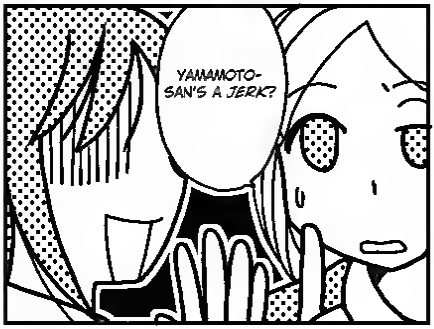

I HAVE THE URGE TO HOLD HER HAND.
YOU CAN MAKE IT TO CLASS!
WE'VE GOT AN OLD LADY IN THE GROUP NOW.

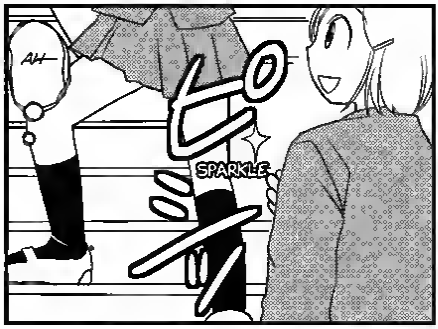
WHAT'RE YOU BLUSHING FOR, MAYU?

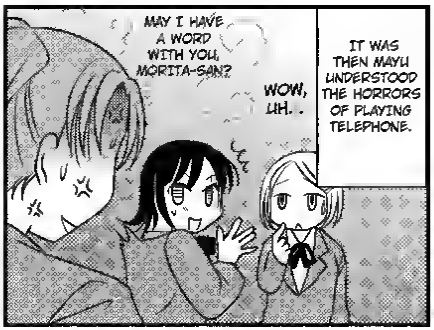

MORNING
MORNING. ARE YOU AS SORE AS US?
MY HEART'S FLUTTERING ALL OF A SUDDEN...

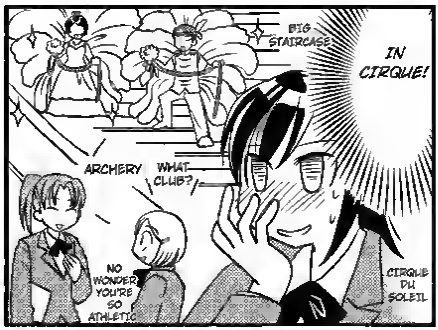

HM? WHAT?
WHISPER

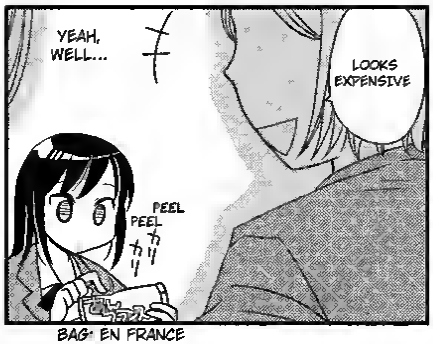

I RUN EVERY MORNING AS PART OF MY CLUB.
SOME-THING'S FAMILIAR HERE...
WOW, AWESOME!


YAMAMOTO-SAN'S A JERK?


AH—
SPARKLE


MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU, MORITA-SAN?
WOW, UH...
IT WAS THEN MAYU UNDERSTOOD THE HORRORS OF PLAYING TELEPHONE.


BIG STAIRCASE
IN CIRQUE!
ARCHERY
WHAT CLUB?
NO WONDER YOU'RE SO ATHLETIC
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL


YEAH, WELL...
LOOKS EXPENSIVE
PEEL
PEEL
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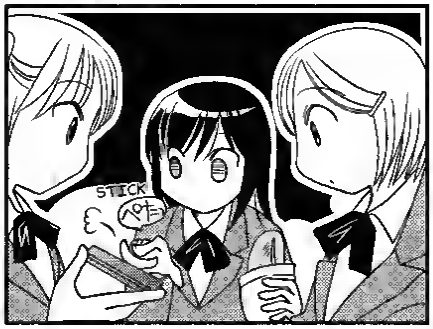
BAG EN FRANCE

CHECK IT OUT, LADIES!


STICK

YUP, I NABBED IT.
THE ONE THAT JUST CAME OUT?
OH, THAT'S THE NEW MODEL?

Silence 27

MAYU!
DON'T EAT FOOD FROM THE CLEARANCE BIN!
NOW IT LOOKS CHEAP!
CLEARANCE
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
MUNCH
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MUNCH
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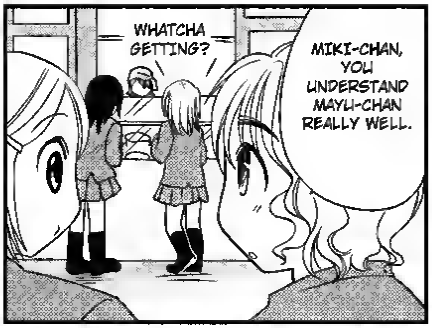
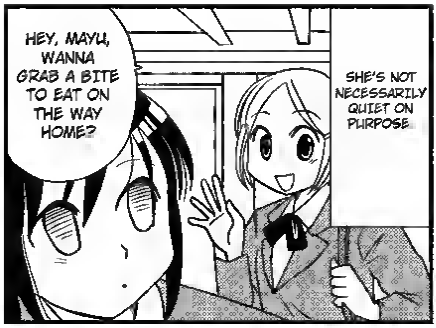
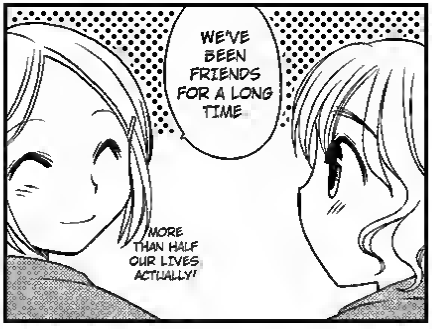
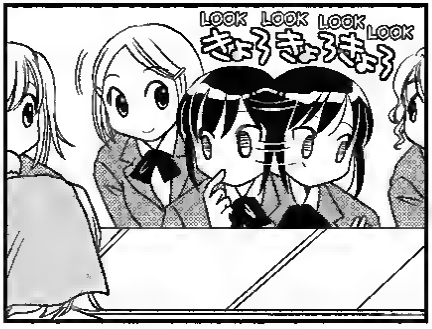

WHATCHA GETTING?
MIKI-CHAN, YOU UNDERSTAND MAYU-CHAN REALLY WELL.


HEY, MAYU, WANNA GRAB A BITE TO EAT ON THE WAY HOME?
SHE'S NOT NECESSARILY QUIET ON PURPOSE.


WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR A LONG TIME.
MORE THAN HALF OUR LIVES ACTUALLY!

CREPES?
TAKO-YAKI?
PAR-FAITS?
JAPANESE SWEETS?


LOOK LOOK LOOK LOOK
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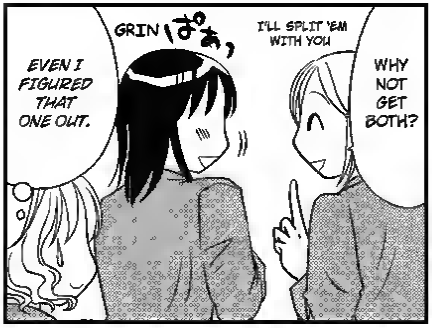
ICE CREAM?
SMILE


GRIN
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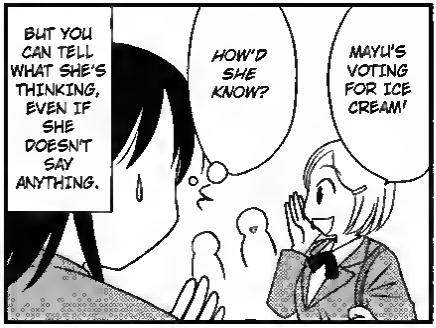
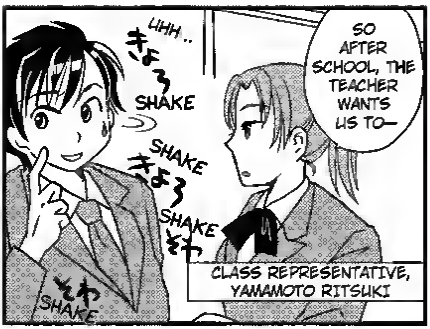
I'LL SPLIT 'EM WITH YOU
WHY NOT GET BOTH?
EVEN I FIGURED THAT ONE OUT.


BUT YOU CAN TELL WHAT SHE'S THINKING, EVEN IF SHE DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING.
HOW'D SHE KNOW?
MAYU'S VOTING FOR ICE CREAM!


UHH..
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SHAKE
SHAKE
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SHAKE
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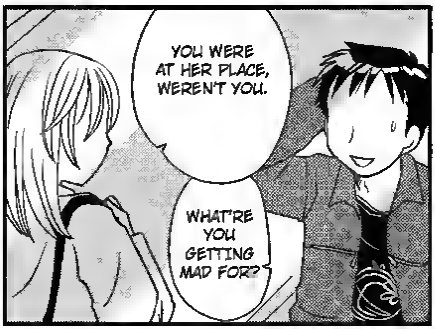
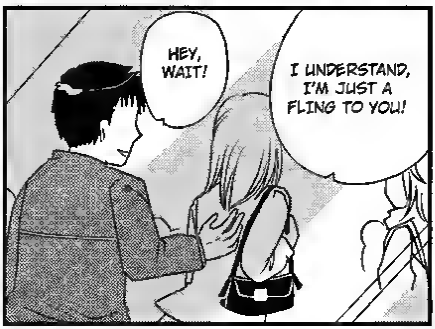
そわ
SHAKE
SO AFTER SCHOOL, THE TEACHER WANTS US TO—
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, YAMAMOTO RITSUKI

I WAS STARTING TO THINK YOU WOULDN'T SHOW!
SORRY I'M LATE.

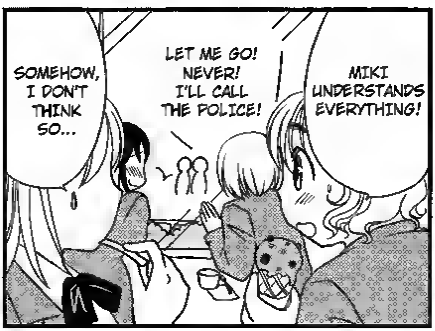
ARRRRGH..
I'VE GOT A GAME AFTER SCHOOL THAT I CAN'T SKIP, SORRY!


YOU WERE AT HER PLACE, WEREN'T YOU.
WHAT'RE YOU GETTING MAD FOR?

OH, WELL
MORITA-SAN.


HEY, WAIT!
I UNDERSTAND, I'M JUST A FLING TO YOU!

WE NEED TO MAKE THE PACKETS FOR ORIENTATION.
STARE
HER GAZE IS FRIGHTENING, BUT I'VE GOTTA PRESS ON...


SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK SO...
LET ME GO! NEVER! I'LL CALL THE POLICE!
MIKI UNDERSTANDS EVERYTHING!

OUR STAFF MEETING RAN LATE!
SORRY, GIRLS!
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I'LL ORGANIZE THE PAGES; YOU STAPLE THEM FIFTEEN MILLIMETERS FROM THE TOP AND BOTTOM
OH, WOW,
YOU'RE ALMOST DONE ALREADY!
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SHUFFLE SHUFFLE SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
THANK YOU BOTH SO MUCH!
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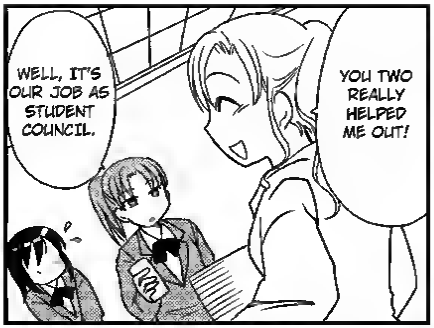
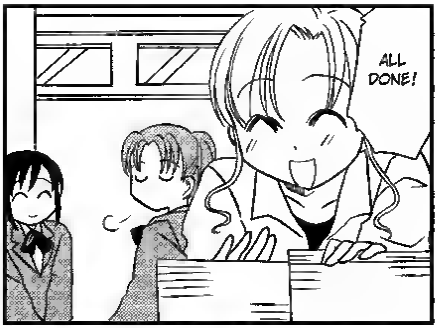
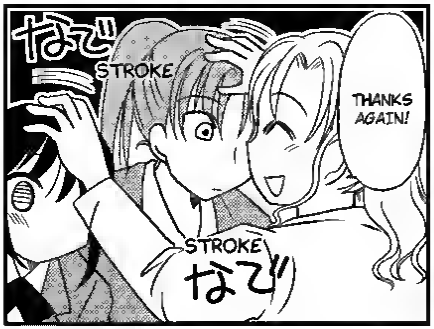
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
THE SILENCE IS KILLING ME.
MAYBE I SHOULD TALK TO HER...
THEIR HOMEROOM TEACHER MAKI-SENSEI APPEARED AND THINGS SUDDENLY GOT LIVELY.
HUH? BEING QUIET MAKES THINGS FEEL SO OPPRESSIVE.
PLEASE QUIET DOWN, MA'AM.
SHE'S EXTREMELY FOCUSED
FIFTEEN MILLIMETERS FROM THE TOP, FIFTEEN MILLIMETERS FROM THE BOTTOM. FIFTEEN MILLIMETERS FROM THE TOP FIFTEEN MILLIMETERS FROM THE BOTTOM...
KAUHHK
KAUHHK


WELL, IT'S OUR JOB AS STUDENT COUNCIL.
YOU TWO REALLY HELPED ME OUT!


ALL DONE!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STROKE
THANKS AGAIN!
STROKE
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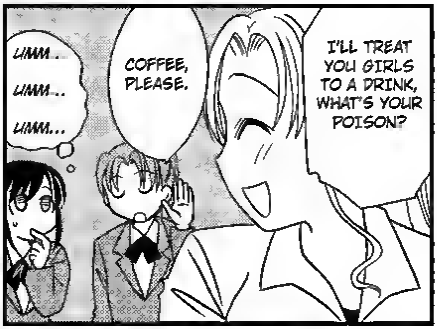
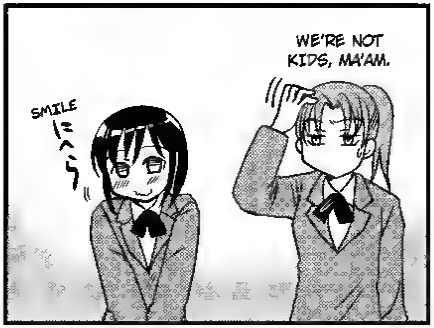

UMM..
UMM...
UMM...
COFFEE, PLEASE.
I'LL TREAT YOU GIRLS TO A DRINK, WHAT'S YOUR POISON?


WE'RE NOT KIDS, MA'AM.
SMILE
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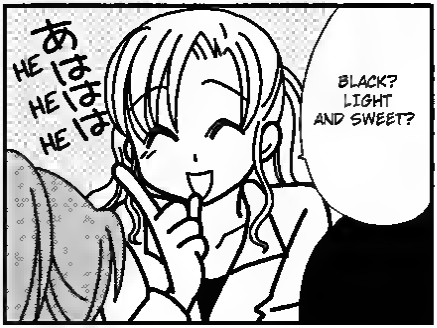
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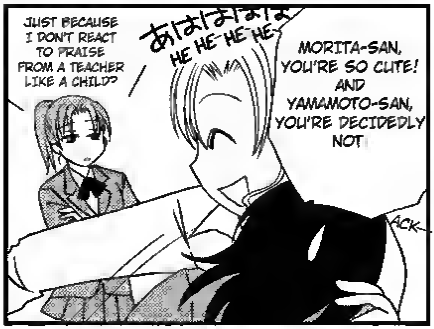
HE HE HE HE
BLACK? LIGHT AND SWEET?


JUST BECAUSE I DON'T REACT TO PRAISE FROM A TEACHER LIKE A CHILD?
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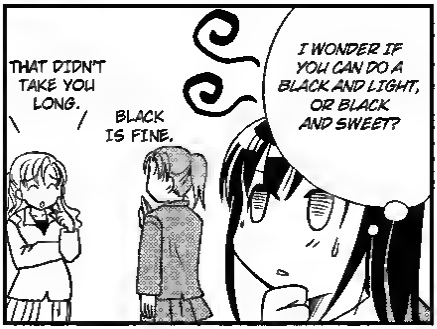
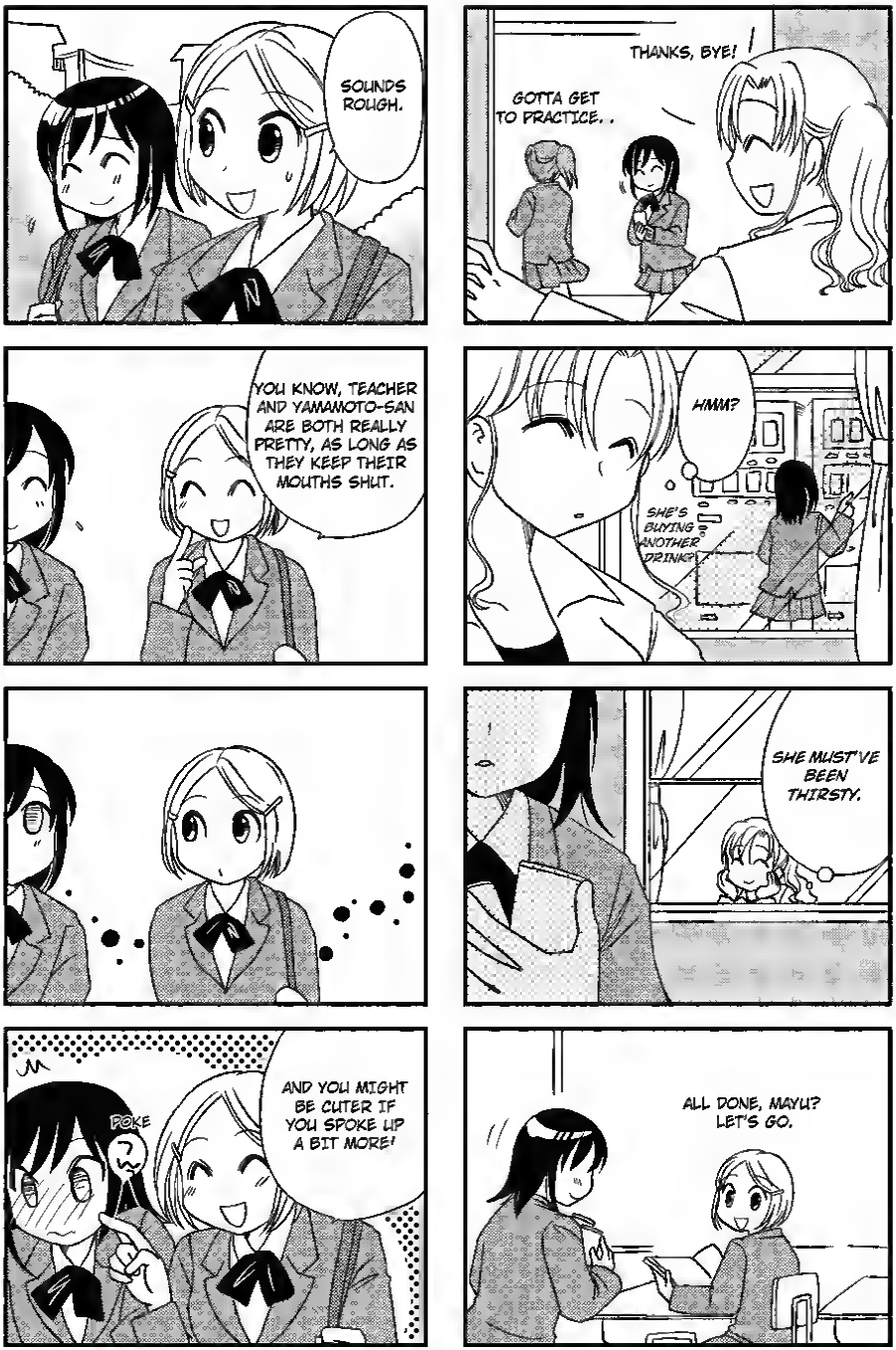
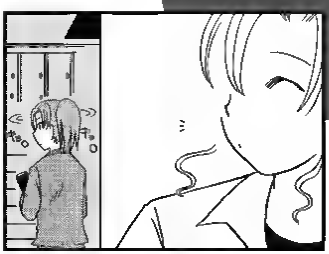
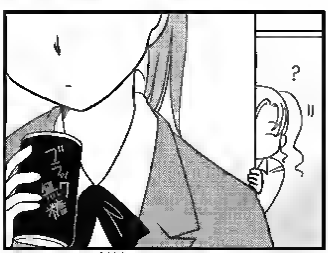
HE HE HE HE
MORITA-SAN, YOU'RE SO CUTE! AND YAMAMOTO-SAN, YOU'RE DECIDEDLY NOT
ACK


THAT DIDN'T TAKE YOU LONG.
BLACK IS FINE.
I WONDER IF YOU CAN DO A BLACK AND LIGHT, OR BLACK AND SWEET?

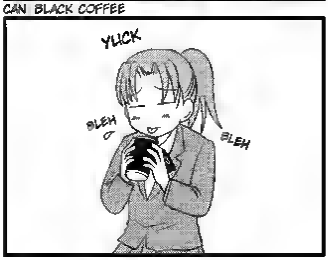

SOUNDS ROUGH.
THANKS, BYE!
GOTTA GET TO PRACTICE. .
YOU KNOW, TEACHER AND YAMAMOTO-SAN ARE BOTH REALLY PRETTY, AS LONG AS THEY KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT.
HMM?
SHE'S BUYING ANOTHER DRINK?!
SHE MUST'VE BEEN THIRSTY.
POKE
AND YOU MIGHT BE CUTER IF YOU SPOKE UP A BIT MORE!
ALL DONE, MAYU? LET'S GO.

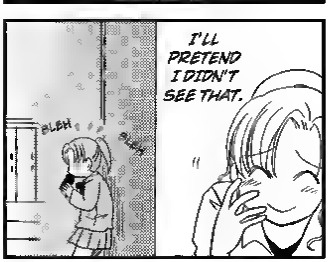
MORITA SAN WA MUKUCHI

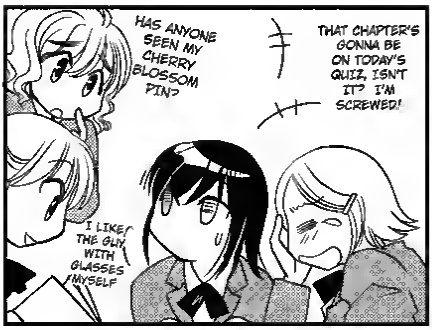


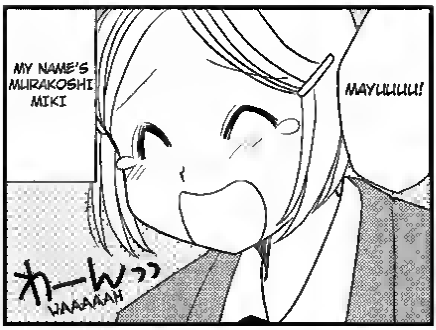


CAN BLACK COFFEE





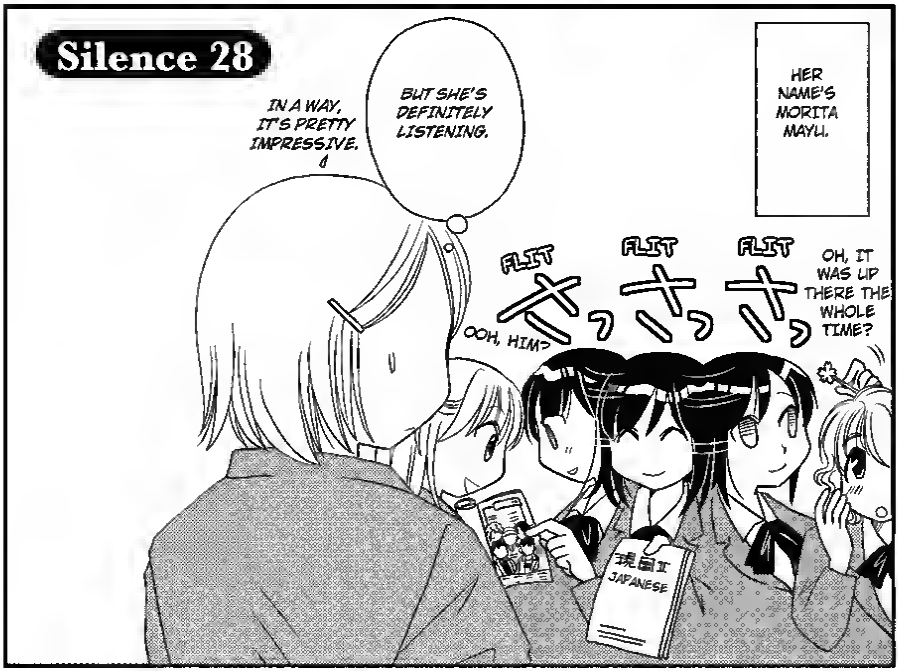

HAS ANYONE SEEN MY CHERRY BLOSSOM PIN?
THAT CHAPTER'S GONNA BE ON TODAY'S QUIZ, ISN'T IT? I'M SCREWED!
I LIKE THE GUY WITH GLASSES MYSELF


MY NAME'S MURAKOSHI MIKI
MAYUUUUU!
WAAAAAH

...
MY FRIEND HERE IS A LITTLE ON THE QUIET SIDE.

WHICH GUY DO YOU THINK IS THE HOTTEST?
DO YOU HAVE THE NOTES FROM YESTERDAY'S JAPANESE CLASS?

Silence 28


IN A WAY, IT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
BUT SHE'S DEFINITELY LISTENING.
HER NAME'S MORITA MAYU.
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FLIT
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OH, IT WAS UP THERE THE WHOLE TIME?
OOH, HIM?
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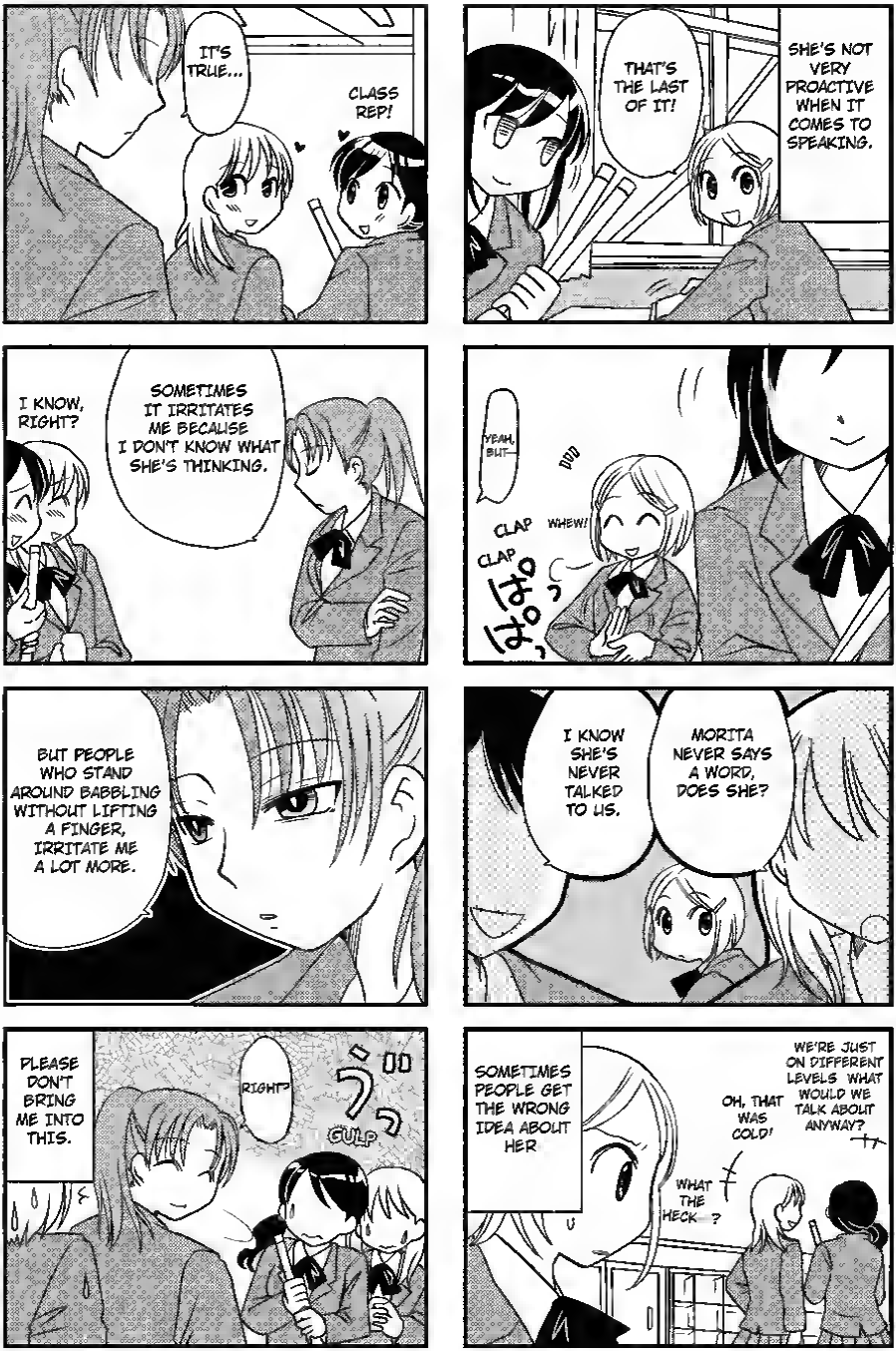
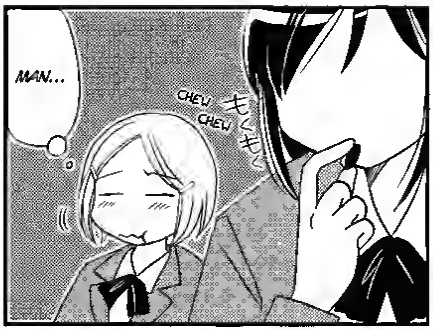
JAPANESE


IT'S TRUE...
CLASS REP!
THAT'S THE LAST OF IT!
SHE'S NOT VERY PROACTIVE WHEN IT COMES TO SPEAKING.
I KNOW, RIGHT?
SOMETIMES IT IRRITATES ME BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING.
YEAH, BUT—
CLAP
CLAP
WHEW!
BUT PEOPLE WHO STAND AROUND BABBLING WITHOUT LIFTING A FINGER, IRRITATE ME A LOT MORE.
I KNOW SHE'S NEVER TALKED TO US.
MORITA NEVER SAYS A WORD, DOES SHE?
PLEASE DON'T BRING ME INTO THIS.
RIGHT?
GULP
SOMETIMES PEOPLE GET THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT HER
WHAT THE HECK—?
OH, THAT WAS COLD!
WE'RE JUST ON DIFFERENT LEVELS WHAT WOULD WE TALK ABOUT ANYWAY?

STEP
MAYU...
MORITA-SAN.
OH
Y—
FLUSTER
FLUSTER
I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT ME.
SWEAT
SWEAT
BUT YOU'RE NOT LIKE ME, RIGHT?
GHA—HA
HA
HA
HA!
W-WHAT'D SHE SAY?
SORRY FOR THE MISUNDER-STANDING!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, MORITA-SAN!
PAT
PAT
YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.


MAN...
CHEW CHEW
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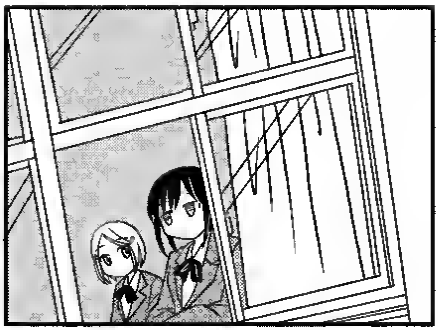

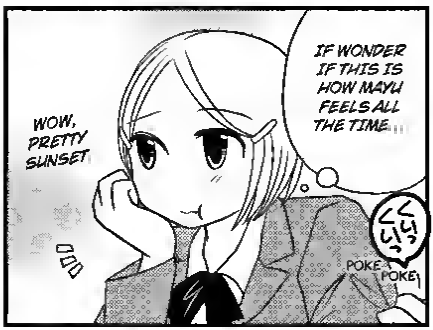
WOW, PRETTY SUNSET
IF WONDER IF THIS IS HOW MAYU FEELS ALL THE TIME...
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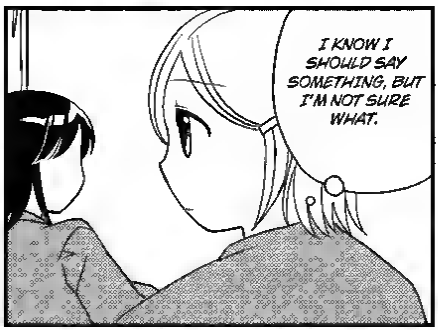
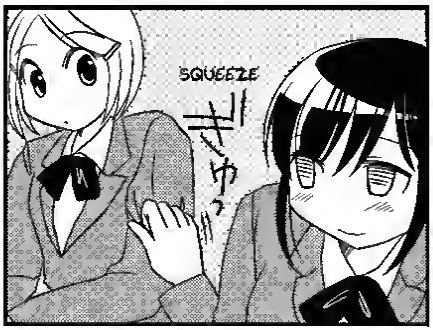
POKE POKE


I KNOW I SHOULD SAY SOMETHING, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT.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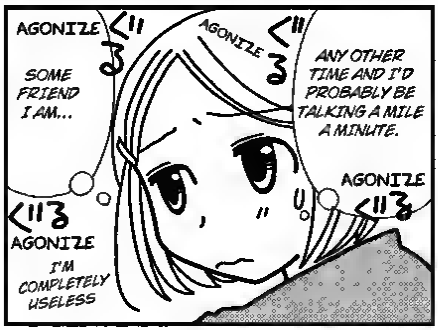
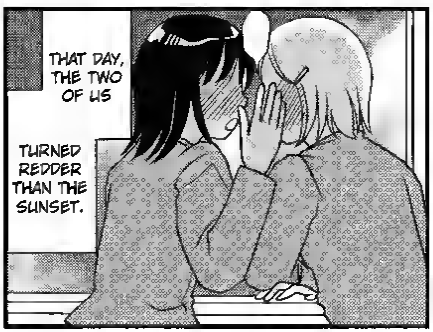
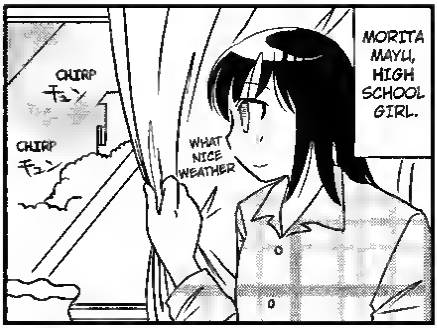

AGONIZE
SOME FRIEND I AM...
AGONIZE
ANY OTHER TIME AND I'D PROBABLY BE TALKING A MILE A MINUTE.
AGONIZE
AGONIZE
I'M COMPLETELY USELESS

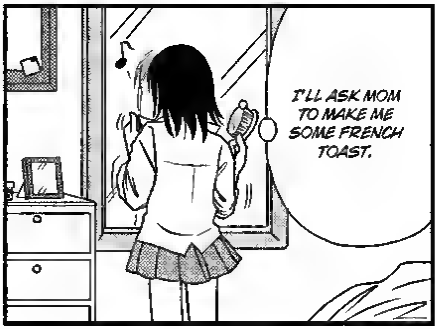

THAT DAY, THE TWO OF US
TURNED REDDER THAN THE SUNSET.

I'LL PLAY IT SAFE.
W-WANT SOME CHOCOLATE?

HAVE SOME TEA INSTEAD OF COCOA...


MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
CHIRP チュン
CHIRP チュン
WHAT NICE WEATHER

G—
...AND MAKE IT A GREAT DAY!


I'LL ASK MOM TO MAKE ME SOME FRENCH TOAST.

Silence 29

SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
UH-OH.
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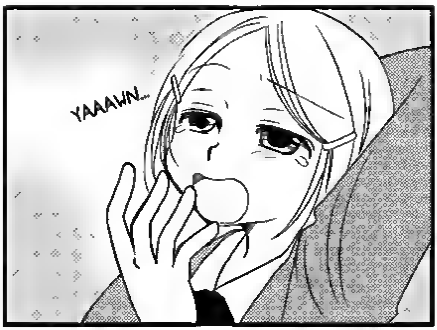
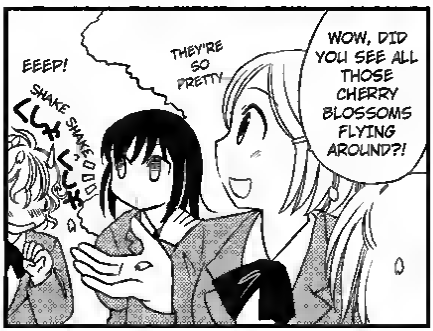
CLAP
SILENCE

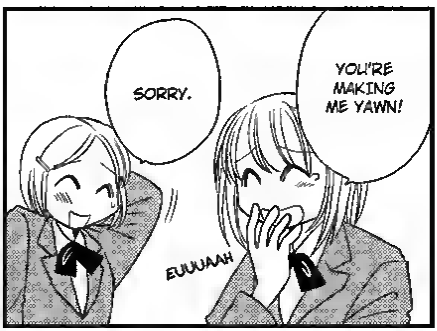
SO SLEEPY...
IN SPRING, THE DAWN.
THE SKY, DYED IN...
CARE FOR SOME STRAW-BERRIES, MAYU?
HELP YOURSELF
SHE'S NOT NECESSARILY QUIET ON PURPOSE.
...SUMMER, THE NIGHT
...NIGHTS, LIT...
MOONLESS...
DOZE
INKSTONE
DOZE
YOU CAN ALWAYS TALK TO ME IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM.
HOW'S SCHOOL GOING?
GASP
EXCUSE ME
HOW ABOUT WE WALK TO THE STATION TOGETHER?
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE MILK TEA?
EVERY-ONE WAS DOZING OFF.
DING DONG DANG DONG
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING SUISHIN* AGAIN?
HOW MUCH OF THIS DO I HAVE TO READ?!
I'LL CARRY YOUR BAG!
I DON'T WANNA GET INVOLVED
HERE'S YOUR LUNCH!
SHE JUST CAN'T TAKE SIDES.

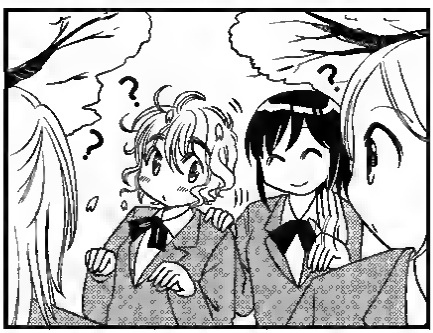
(* NOTE: A BRAND OF SAKE.)

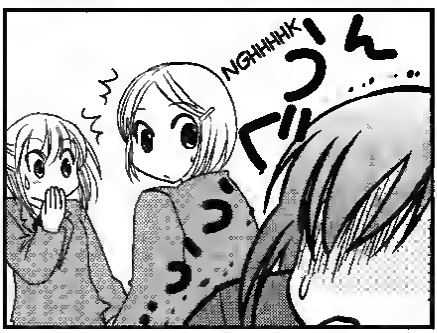
WHUUUUUUUUU
SHH


YAAAWN...


EEEP!
SHAKE SHAKE
THEY'RE SO PRETTY
WOW, DID YOU SEE ALL THOSE CHERRY BLOSSOMS FLYING AROUND?!


SORRY.
YOU'RE MAKING ME YAWN!
EUUUAH




NGHHHK
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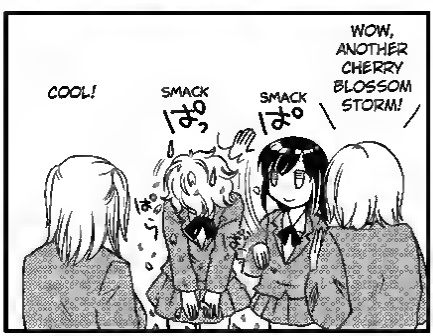
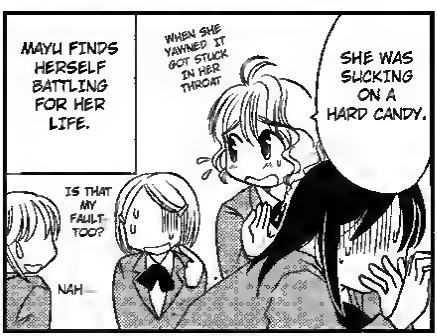
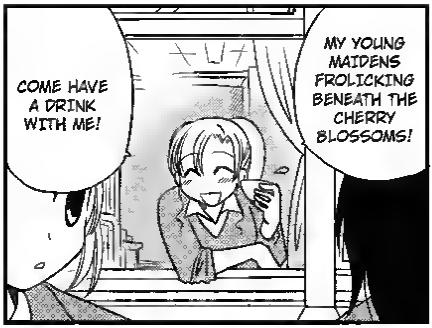
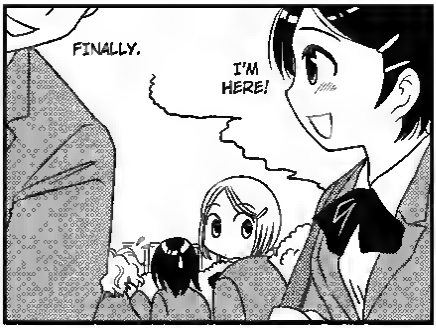
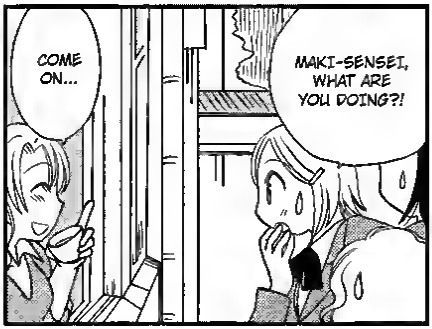

COOL!
SMACK
SMACK
WOW, ANOTHER CHERRY BLOSSOM STORM!

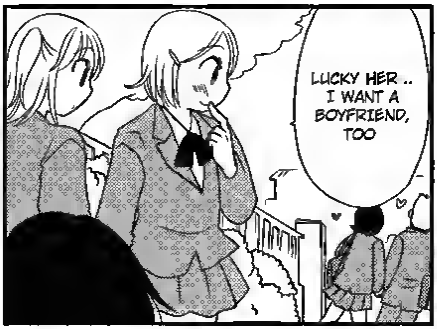

MAYU FINDS HERSELF BATTLING FOR HER LIFE.
WHEN SHE YAWNED IT GOT STUCK IN HER THROAT
SHE WAS SUCKING ON A HARD CANDY.
IS THAT MY FAULT TOO?
NAH—

I LOVE SPRINGTIME
THEY SURE ARE GREAT.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR, HANA-CHAN?
TURNING THE WORLD INTO SOMETHING LIKE A LIVING DREAM.
IT'S LIKE A SHIMMERING HAZE,
CHIHIRO, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT EARLIER?
MAKE IT RAIN!
IF ONLY IT WAS MONEY INSTEAD OF PETALS!
YOU SHOULD BE A POET.
YES, A LIVING DREAM.
SEE?
IF ONLY IT WAS MONEY INSTEAD OF DUST BALLS!
JEEZ, LOOK AT ALL THIS DUST.
MORITA-SAN COULDN'T BRING HERSELF TO TELL THEM, THOUGH.
I WON'T SAY IT, BUT
IT'S YELLOW SAND DUST.
IT'S THE SEASON OF LOVE.
CHERRY BLOSSOMS AND DIRT ARE THE SAME TO HER...
REMEMBER?

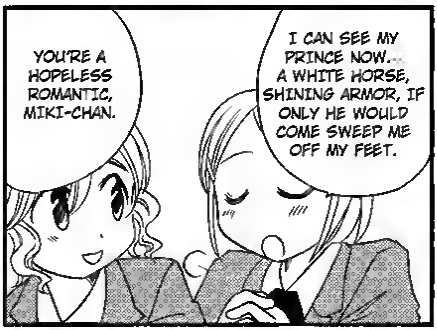

COME HAVE A DRINK WITH ME!
MY YOUNG MAIDENS FROLICKING BENEATH THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS!

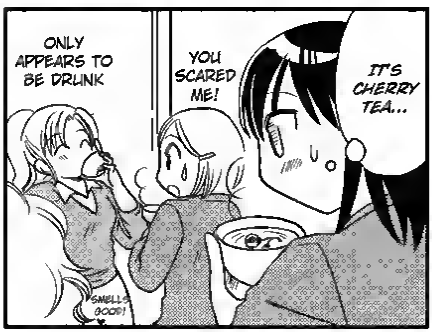

FINALLY.
I'M HERE!

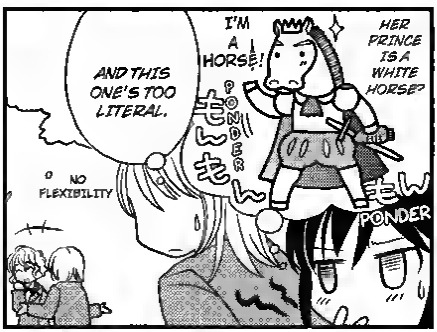

COME ON...
MAKI-SENSEI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

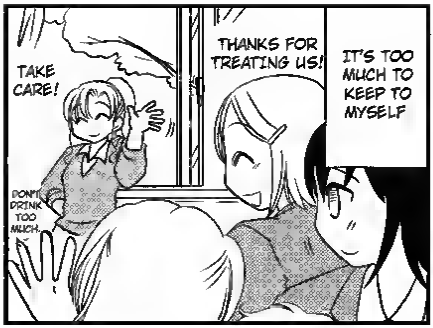

LUCKY HER .. I WANT A BOYFRIEND, TOO

JUST ONE DRINK.
GRIN
ニカっ

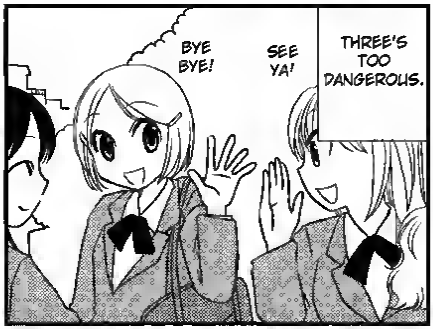

YOU'RE A HOPELESS ROMANTIC, MIKI-CHAN.
I CAN SEE MY PRINCE NOW... A WHITE HORSE, SHINING ARMOR, IF ONLY HE WOULD COME SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET.

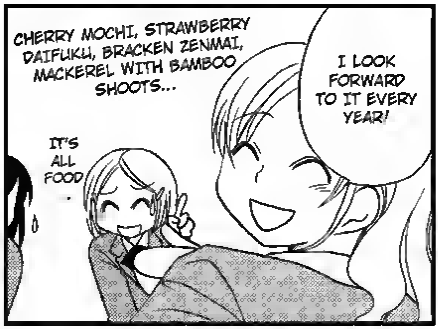

ONLY APPEARS TO BE DRUNK
YOU SCARED ME!
IT'S CHERRY TEA...
SMELLS GOOD!

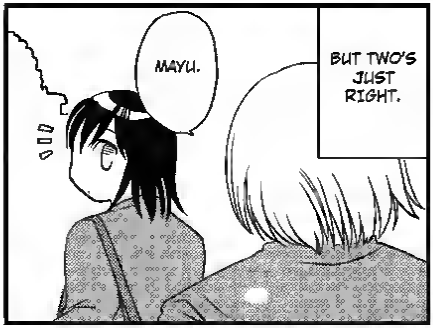

AND THIS ONE'S TOO LITERAL.
I'M A HORSE!
HER PRINCE IS A WHITE HORSE?
PONDER
NO FLEXIBILITY
PONDER

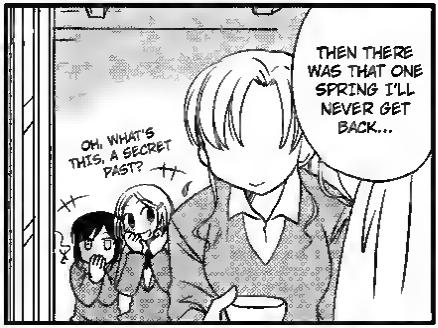

TAKE CARE!
DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH.
THANKS FOR TREATING US!
IT'S TOO MUCH TO KEEP TO MYSELF

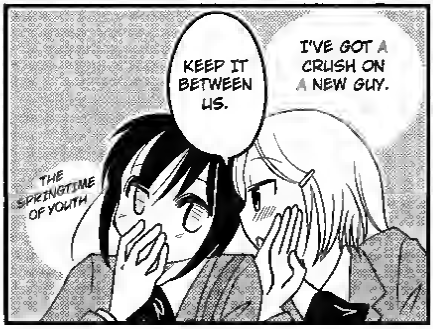
I ADORE SPRINGTIME.

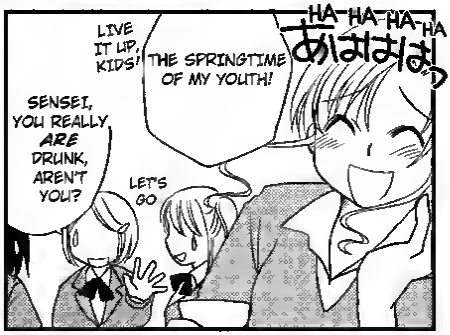

BYE BYE!
SEE YA!
THREE'S TOO DANGEROUS.


CHERRY MOCHI, STRAWBERRY DAIFUKU, BRACKEN ZENMAI, MACKEREL WITH BAMBOO SHOOTS...
IT'S ALL FOOD.
I LOOK FORWARD TO IT EVERY YEAR!

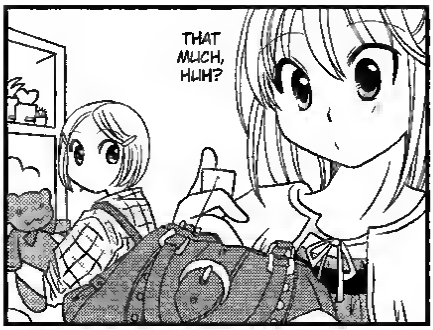

MAYU.
BUT TWO'S JUST RIGHT.


OH, WHAT'S THIS, A SECRET PAST?
THEN THERE WAS THAT ONE SPRING I'LL NEVER GET BACK...

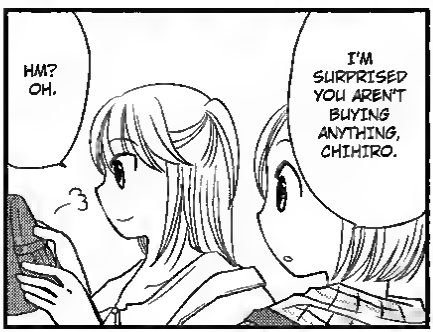

KEEP IT BETWEEN US.
I'VE GOT A CRUSH ON A NEW GUY.
THE SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH

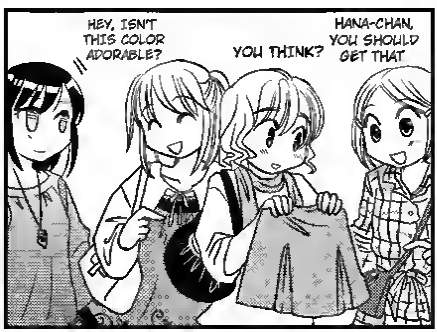

HA-HA-HA-HA
あはは!
LIVE IT UP, KIDS!
THE SPRINGTIME OF MY YOUTH!
SENSEI, YOU REALLY ARE DRUNK, AREN'T YOU?
LET'S GO

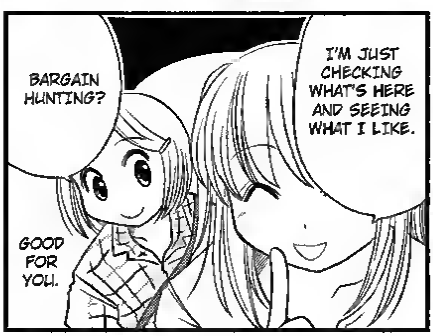
OKAY.
I'LL DO MY BEST!
PAT PAT
MAYU, YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE!
GOOD MORNING.
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
GOOD MORNING!
UHH...
UHH...
OH YEAH, IN THE OTHER CLASS...
HMM...
WE'VE GOT GYM FIRST PERIOD TODAY...
UMM...
DID THEY HAND OUT HOMEWORK YET?
UHH...
ERR...
I STILL NEED MORE PRACTICE...
CAPTAIN, WE CAN'T LOAD IT FAST ENOUGH!
WE'RE DOOMED!
BWAH-HA-HA!
大砲VSマシンガン
CANNON VS. MACHINE GUN
IMAGE
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
BLAH
DID YOU DO YOUR HOMEWORK?
ON LAST NIGHT'S EPISODE—
BLAH
SO THAT GUY I TOLD YOU ABOUT YESTERDAY—
OH YEAH, WHAT'S UP WITH MAKI-SENSEI?
UH— UH—
AND THEN— AND THEN—
BLAH
Silence 30

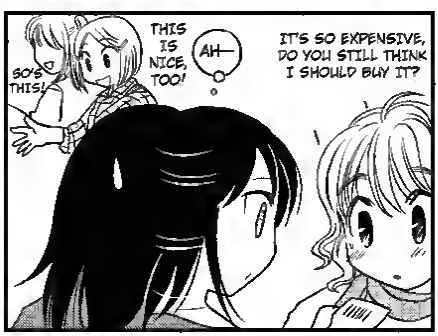

THAT MUCH, HUH?

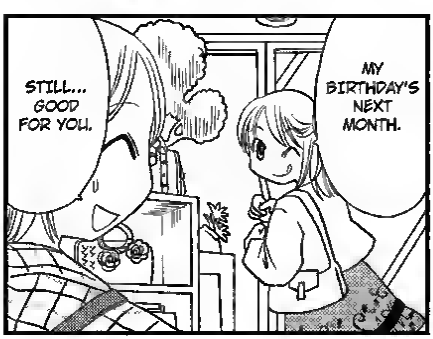
...
IT'S A DAY OFF AND EVERYONE'S GOING SHOPPING

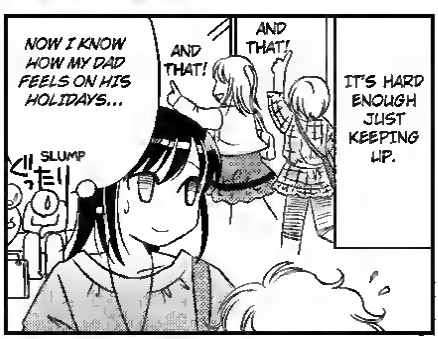

HM? OH.
I'M SURPRISED YOU AREN'T BUYING ANYTHING, CHIHIRO.

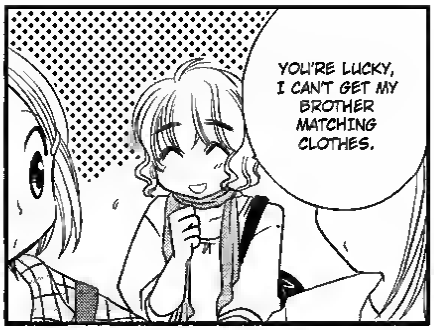

HEY, ISN'T THIS COLOR ADORABLE?
YOU THINK?
HANA-CHAN, YOU SHOULD GET THAT

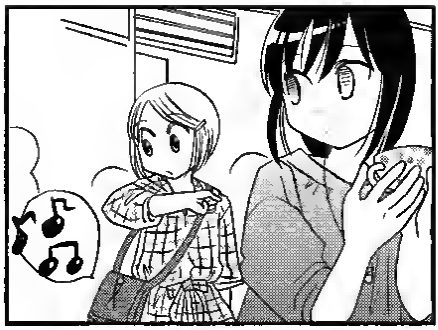

BARGAIN HUNTING?
I'M JUST CHECKING WHAT'S HERE AND SEEING WHAT I LIKE.
GOOD FOR YOU.

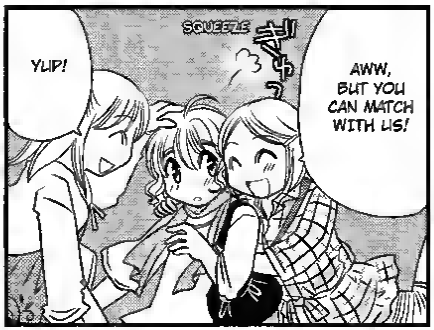

SO'S THIS!
THIS IS NICE, TOO!
AH—
IT'S SO EXPENSIVE, DO YOU STILL THINK I SHOULD BUY IT?

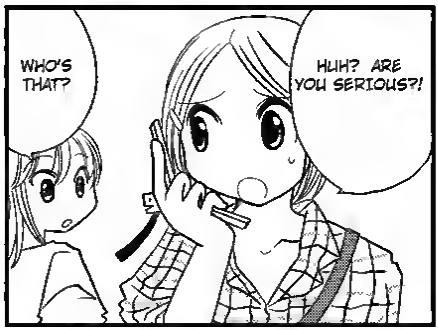

STILL... GOOD FOR YOU.
MY BIRTHDAY'S NEXT MONTH.

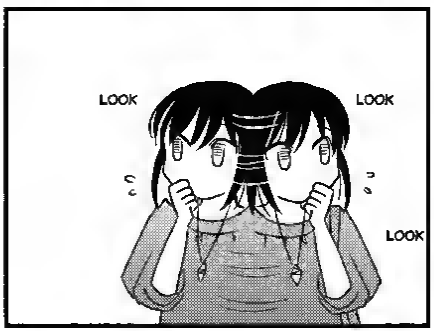

NOW I KNOW HOW MY DAD FEELS ON HIS HOLIDAYS...
SLUMP
AND THAT!
AND THAT!
IT'S HARD ENOUGH JUST KEEPING UP.


YOU'RE LUCKY, I CAN'T GET MY BROTHER MATCHING CLOTHES.




YUP!
SQUEEZE
AWW, BUT YOU CAN MATCH WITH US!


WHO'S THAT?
HUH? ARE YOU SERIOUS?!


LOOK
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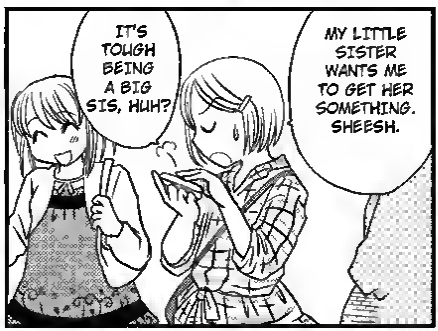
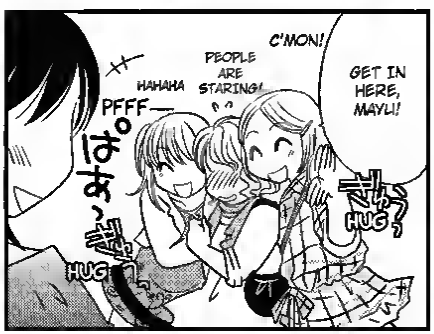
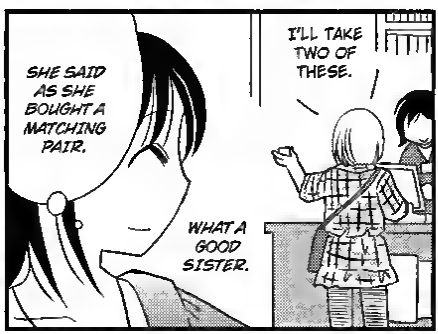
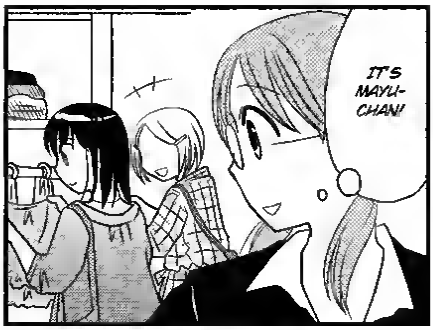
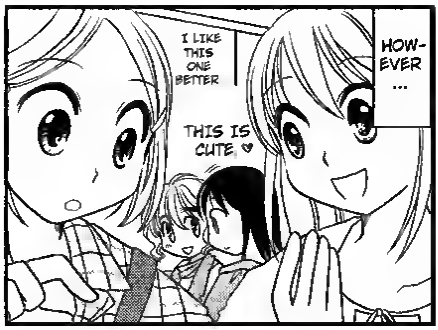

IT'S TOUGH BEING A BIG SIS, HUH?
MY LITTLE SISTER WANTS ME TO GET HER SOMETHING. SHEESH.

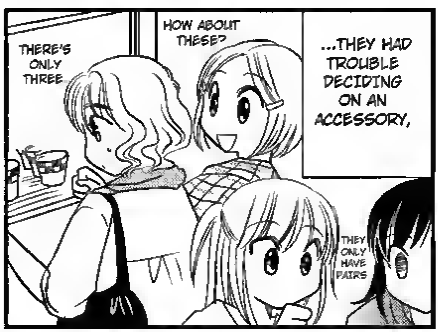

C'MON!
GET IN HERE, MAYU!
PEOPLE ARE STARING!
HAHAHA
PFFF—
HUG
HUG


I'LL TAKE TWO OF THESE.
SHE SAID AS SHE BOUGHT A MATCHING PAIR.
WHAT A GOOD SISTER.


IT'S MAYU-CHAN!


I LIKE THIS ONE BETTER
HOW-EVER ...
THIS IS CUTE ♡

WONDER WHAT SHE'S BUYING...
I WON'T TRY TO GET HER ATTENTION TODAY, I'LL JUST WATCH...


THERE'S ONLY THREE
HOW ABOUT THESE?
...THEY HAD TROUBLE DECIDING ON AN ACCESSORY,
THEY ONLY HAVE PAIRS

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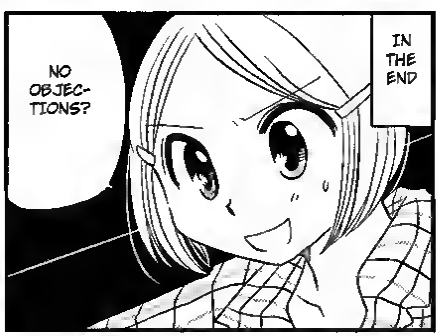
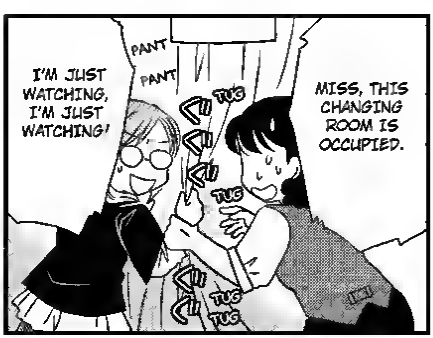
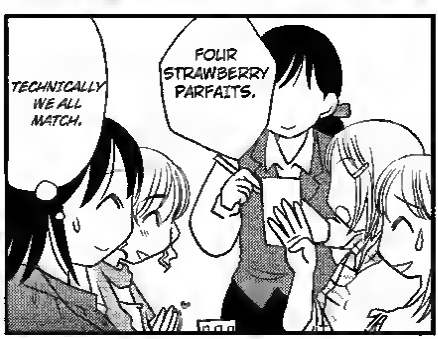
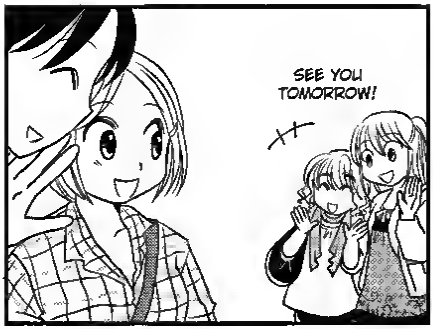
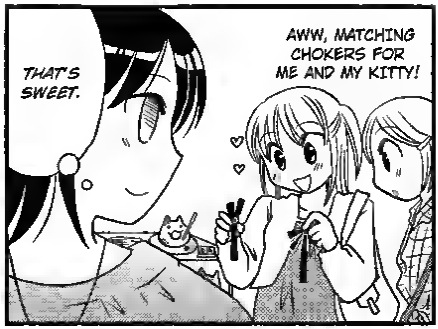
PWAP

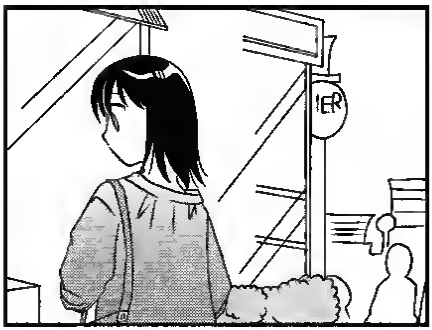

NO OBJEC-TIONS?
IN THE END

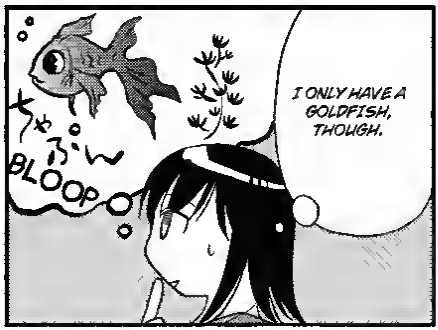

I'M JUST WATCHING, I'M JUST WATCHING!
PANT
PANT
TUG
TUG
TUG
TUG
TUG
MISS, THIS CHANGING ROOM IS OCCUPIED.

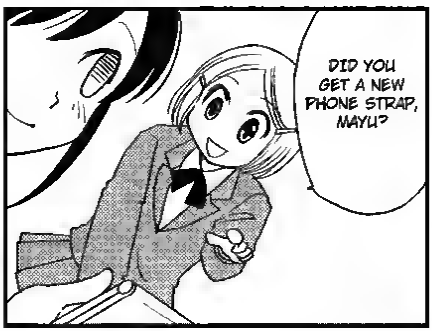

TECHNICALLY WE ALL MATCH.
FOUR STRAWBERRY PARFAITS.

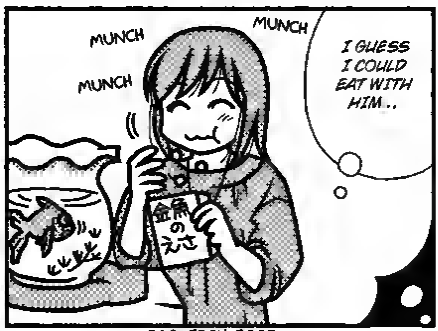




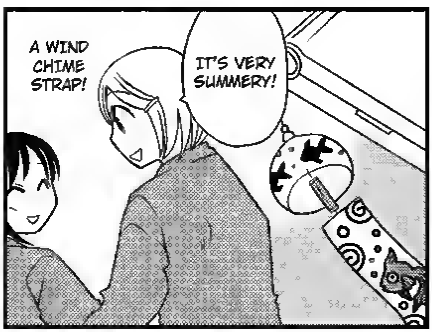


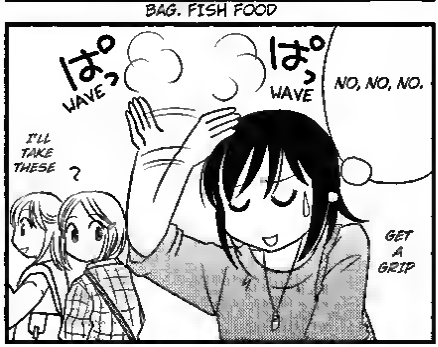


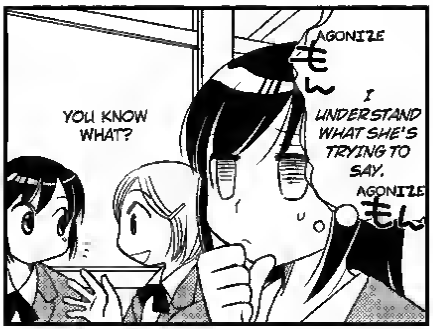




BAG. FISH FOOD

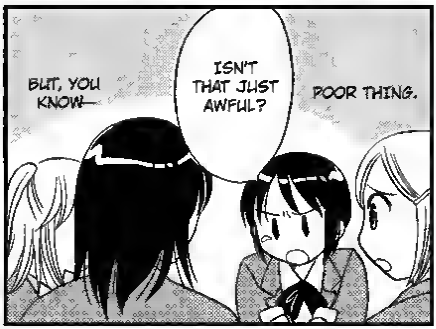





AGONIZE
もん
I UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO SAY.
AGONIZE
もん
YOU KNOW WHAT?

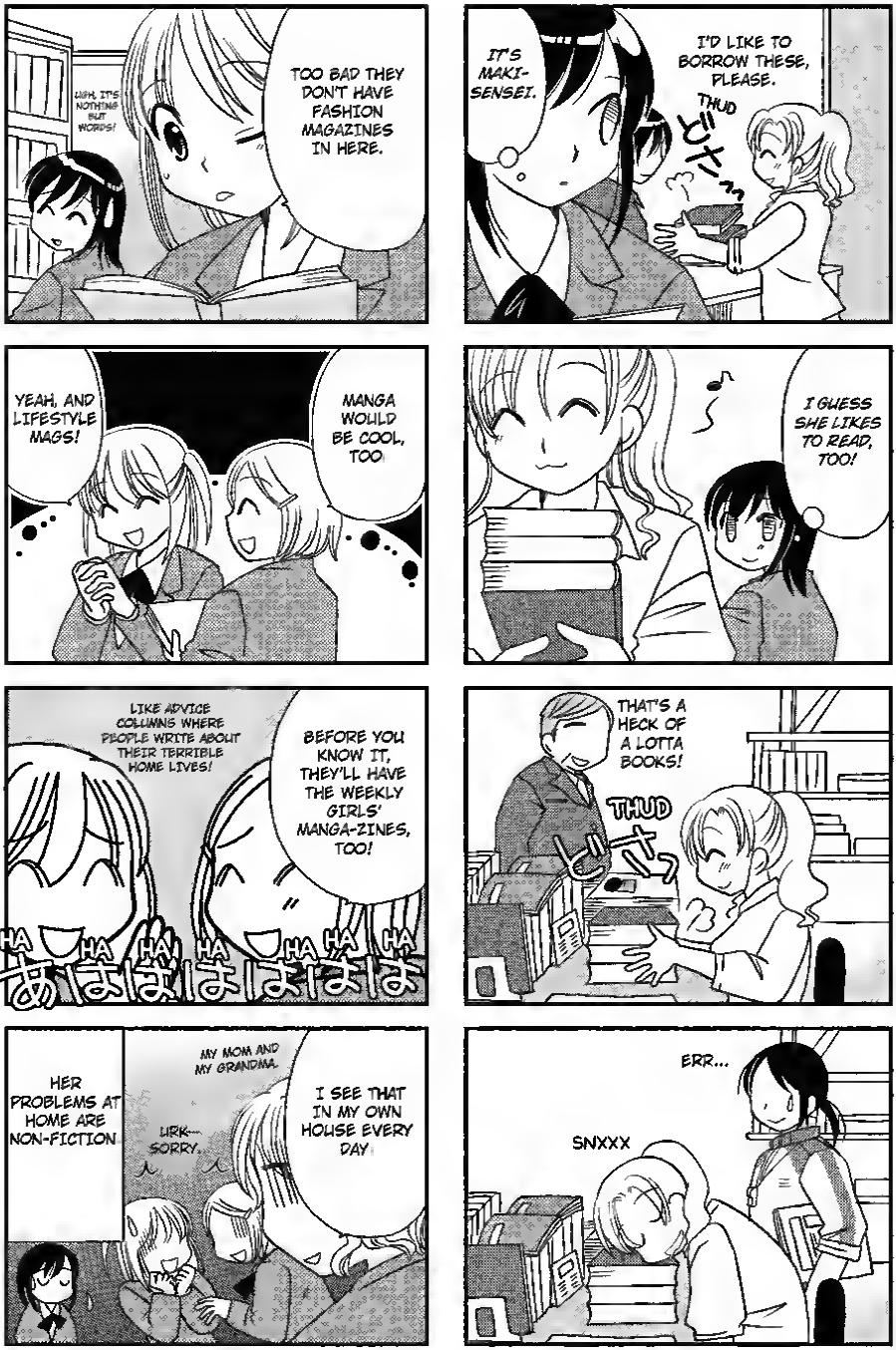
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
I'M DOING MY BEST, YOU KNOW?
YUP.

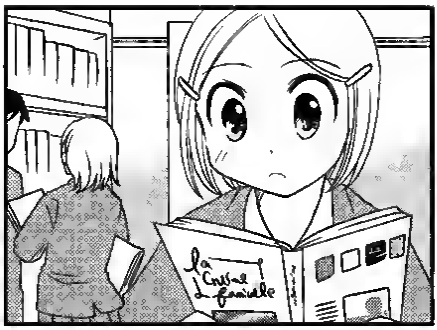
AGONIZE
もん
EVEN THOUGH IT'S ALL ONE-SIDED.
AGONIZE
もん
AGONIZE
もん
NO WAY!
AT THE STATION BUILDING—
I'M SERIOUS!

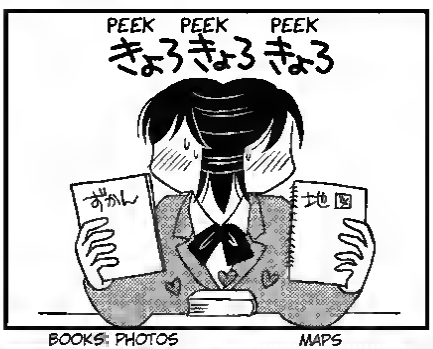

BUT, YOU KNOW—
ISN'T THAT JUST AWFUL?
POOR THING.

Silence 31
AGONIZE
もん
AGONIZE
もん
AT TIMES LIKE THESE, IT'S BEST TO PLAY DEVIL'S ADVOCATE WITHOUT HURTING THEIR FEELINGS... OH, BUT—
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
AGONIZE
もんもん
AGONIZE
THE SUBJECT'S COMPLETELY CHANGED NOW...
STRUGGLE
むーん
STRUGGLE
むーん
OH, THAT STORE!
IT'S GREAT!

IT'S QUIET AND THERE'S VIRTUALLY NO ONE HERE
SHE LIKES THE LIBRARY, OF COURSE
SHE LIKES CLASSICS, BELLES-LETTRES, EVEN LIGHT NOVELS.
MORITA-SAN IS AN AVID READER.
SO RELAXING ...
FLIT
NOD
I'M HOME!
HER DAD BUYS LOTS OF BOOKS, TOO.
ENVELOPE BOOKSTORE
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
DEAR!
THWACK
HOW-EVER,
WHY'S YOUR FACE ALL RED?
THROB
THROB
...
WHO WAS THAT GIRL YOU WERE WALKING WITH?
C-CALM DOWN...
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
THEY'RE NOT JUST FOR READING.


UGH, IT'S NOTHING BUT WORDS!
TOO BAD THEY DON'T HAVE FASHION MAGAZINES IN HERE.
IT'S MAKI-SENSEI.
I'D LIKE TO BORROW THESE, PLEASE.
THUD
どさっ
YEAH, AND LIFESTYLE MAGS!
MANGA WOULD BE COOL, TOO.
I GUESS SHE LIKES TO READ, TOO!
LIKE ADVICE COLUMNS WHERE PEOPLE WRITE ABOUT THEIR TERRIBLE HOME LIVES!
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, THEY'LL HAVE THE WEEKLY GIRLS' MANGA-ZINES, TOO!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
あはははははは
THAT'S A HECK OF A LOTTA BOOKS!
THUD
どさっ
HER PROBLEMS AT HOME ARE NON-FICTION
MY MOM AND MY GRANDMA.
URK... SORRY.
I SEE THAT IN MY OWN HOUSE EVERY DAY
ERR...
SNXXX





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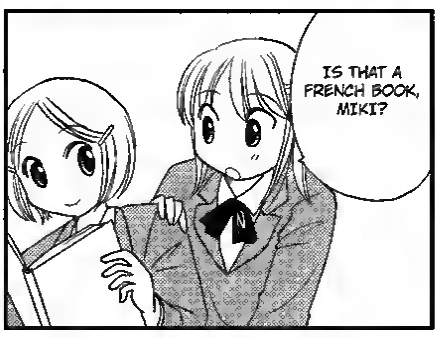

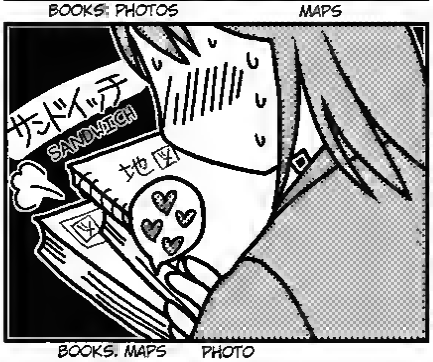

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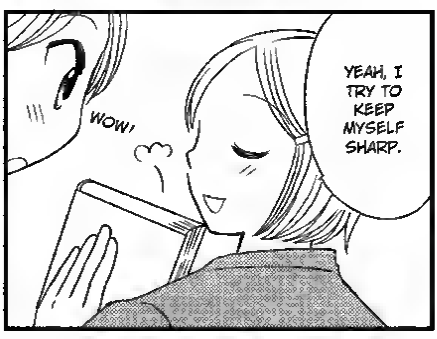
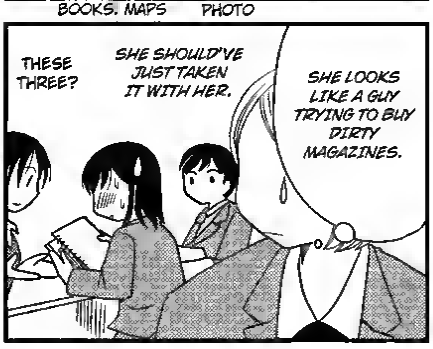
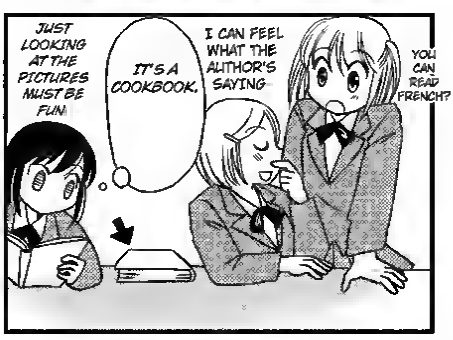
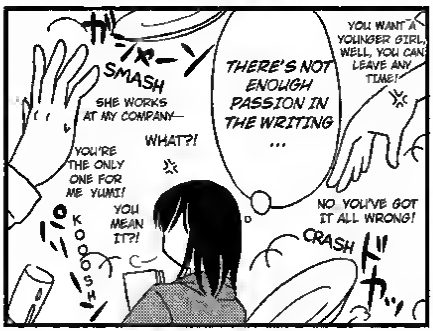


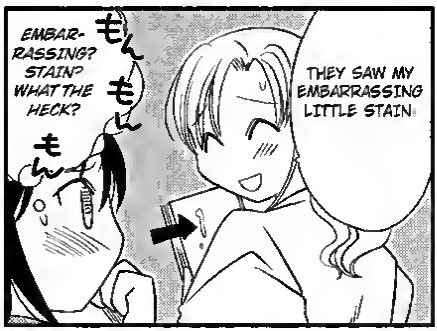


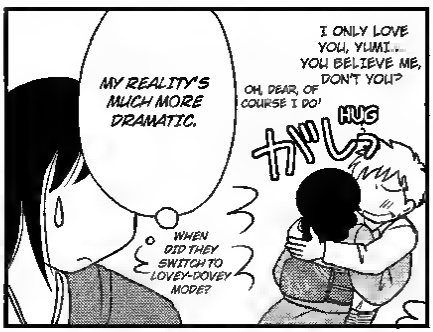


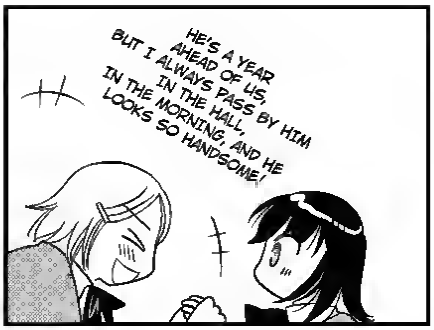
BOOK 10 MILLION MOVED TO TEARS!

BADGE: LIBRARIAN

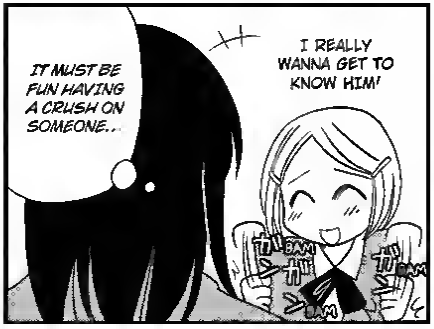

SMASH
SHE WORKS AT MY COMPANY—
WHAT?!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME YUMI!
YOU MEAN IT?!
KOOOSH
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PASSION IN THE WRITING ...
YOU WANT A YOUNGER GIRL, WELL, YOU CAN LEAVE ANY TIME!
NO YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
CRASH

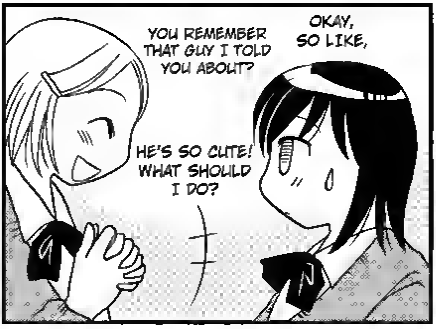



MY REALITY'S MUCH MORE DRAMATIC.
I ONLY LOVE YOU, YUMI... YOU BELIEVE ME, DON'T YOU?
OH, DEAR, OF COURSE I DO!
HUG
WHEN DID THEY SWITCH TO LOVEY-DOVEY MODE?


HE'S A YEAR AHEAD OF US, BUT I ALWAYS PASS BY HIM IN THE HALL, IN THE MORNING, AND HE LOOKS SO HANDSOME!

HEY, MAYU!
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL


IT MUST BE FUN HAVING A CRUSH ON SOMEONE..
I REALLY WANNA GET TO KNOW HIM!
BAM!
BAM!


OKAY, SO LIKE,
YOU REMEMBER THAT GUY I TOLD YOU ABOUT?
HE'S SO CUTE! WHAT SHOULD I DO?

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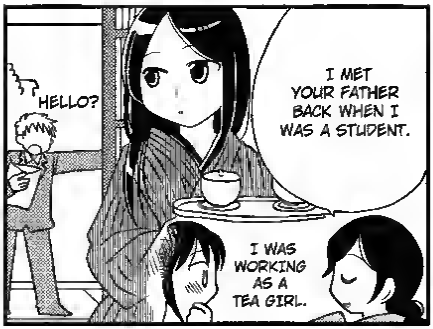
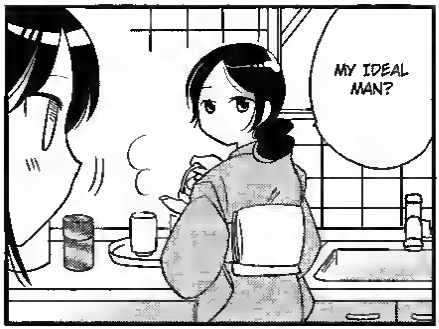
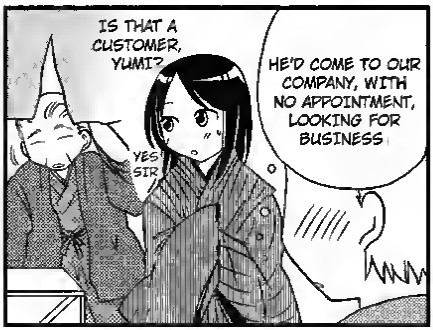
I'LL JUST LISTEN TODAY.
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
AND, AND, AND, AND...

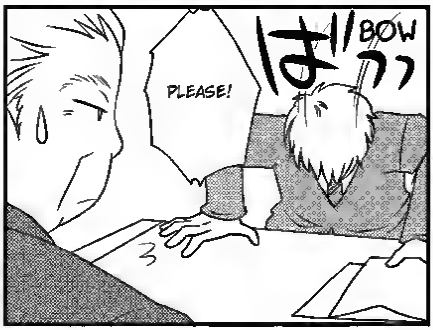
WHAT'S YOUR IDEAL GUY LIKE, MAYU?
I HEARD YOU FROM WAY OVER THERE
YUP!
IS HE REALLY THAT HANDSOME?
HOW ABOUT YOU, HANA-CHAN?
HMM
SOMEONE KIND? SERIOUS? FUNNY?
HMM
HMM
THAT'S TRUE FOR EXAMPLE, I—
YOU CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER, THOUGH.
SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T LIVE WITH HIS PARENTS
HA HA HA
NO, NO, NO,
THAT'S SOME IMAGE
WANT SOMEONE WITH MONEY, RIGHT?
THINGS BETWEEN HANA-CHAN'S MOTHER AND HER MOTHER-IN-LAW ARE GETTING WORSE
.. WHO'D MAKE MY MOTHER-IN-LAW MOVE OUT.
HANA-CHAN, YOU HAVE TO GET MARRIED FIRST!
CON-FUSED
SAME THING...
WITH A SUMMER HOME, A BUTLER, A CRUISER
SOMEONE WHO'LL MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE.

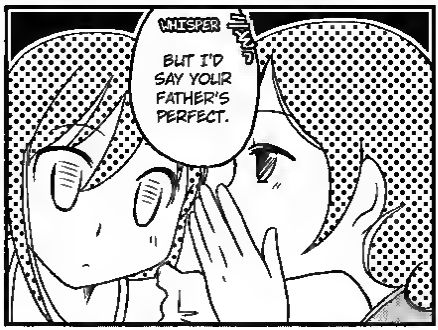

HELLO?
I MET YOUR FATHER BACK WHEN I WAS A STUDENT.
I WAS WORKING AS A TEA GIRL.


MY IDEAL MAN?

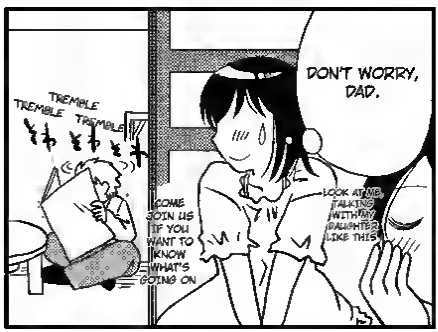

IS THAT A CUSTOMER, YUMI?
YES SIR
HE'D COME TO OUR COMPANY, WITH NO APPOINTMENT, LOOKING FOR BUSINESS

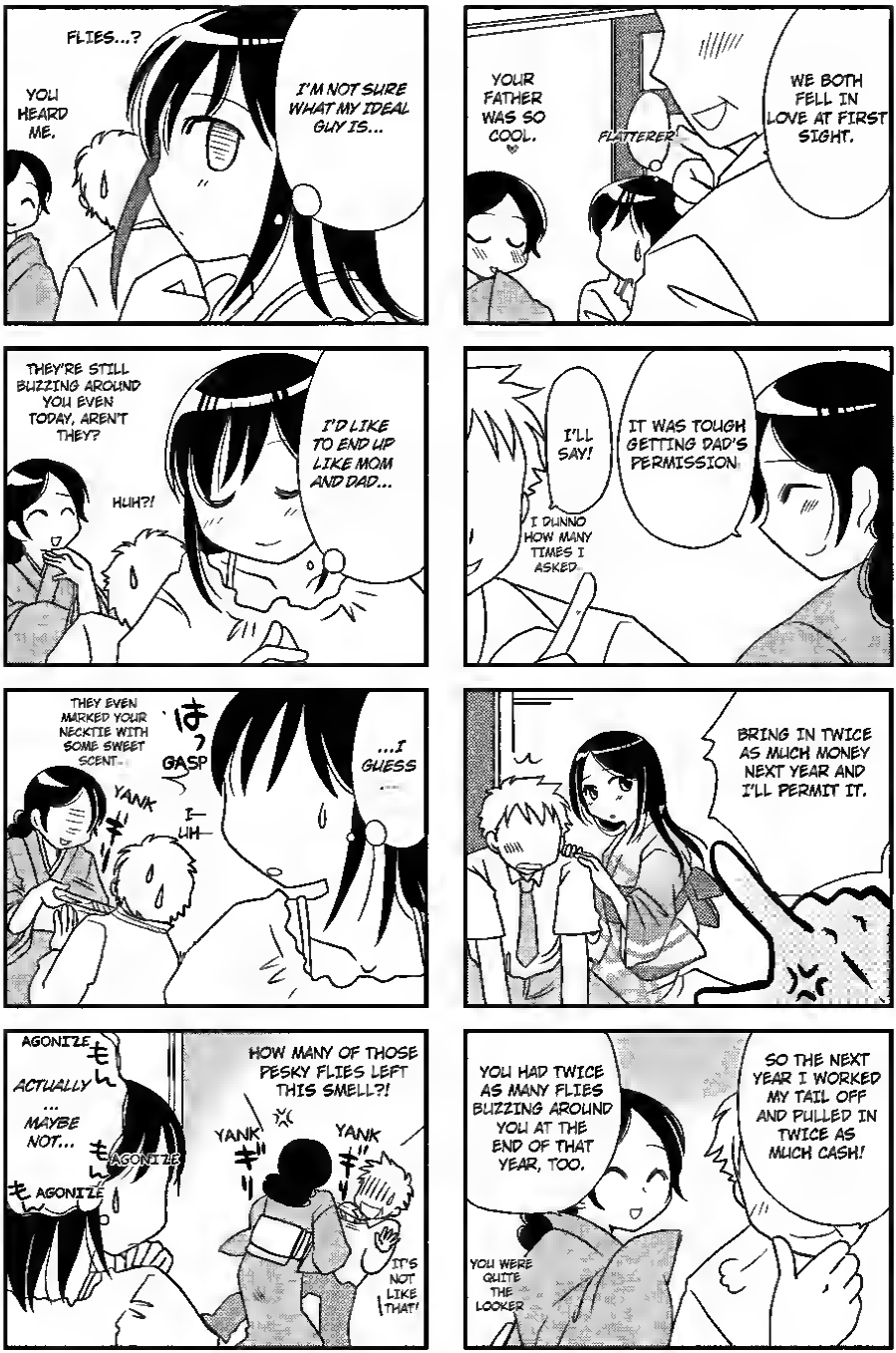
AN ATHLETE OR ACTOR WOULD BE NICE...
POUR

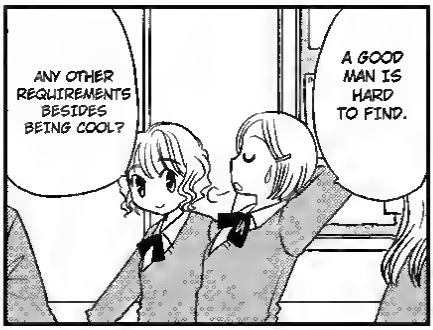

BOW
PLEASE!

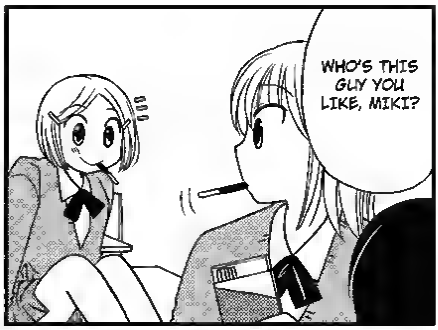

WHISPER
BUT I'D SAY YOUR FATHER'S PERFECT.

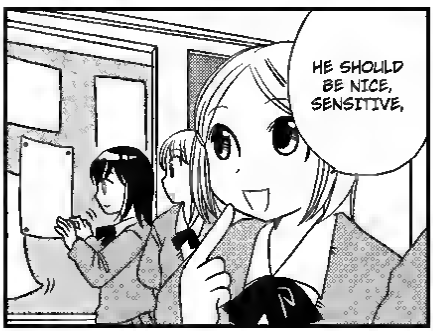
I JUST FELT LIKE I HAD TO SAY IT BEFORE THE CHANCE GOT AWAY!
MY DAD GOT ANGRY, HE DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU WERE THERE TO BUY OR SELL!
LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE

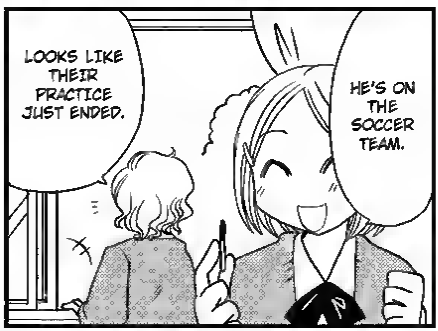

TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE
COME JOIN US IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON
DON'T WORRY, DAD.
LOOK AT ME TALKING WITH MY DAUGHTER LIKE THIS!


FLIES...?
YOU HEARD ME.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT MY IDEAL GUY IS...
YOUR FATHER WAS SO COOL.
FLATTERER!
WE BOTH FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
THEY'RE STILL BUZZING AROUND YOU EVEN TODAY, AREN'T THEY?
HUH?!
I'D LIKE TO END UP LIKE MOM AND DAD...
I'LL SAY!
I DUNNO HOW MANY TIMES I ASKED.
IT WAS TOUGH GETTING DAD'S PERMISSION.
THEY EVEN MARKED YOUR NECKTIE WITH SOME SWEET SCENT...
はっ GASP
YANK
I-UH
...I GUESS
BRING IN TWICE AS MUCH MONEY NEXT YEAR AND I'LL PERMIT IT.
AGONIZE
もん
ACTUALLY ... MAYBE NOT...
もん AGONIZE
もん AGONIZE
HOW MANY OF THOSE PESKY FLIES LEFT THIS SMELL?!
YANK キリ
YANK キリ
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
YOU HAD TWICE AS MANY FLIES BUZZING AROUND YOU AT THE END OF THAT YEAR, TOO.
YOU WERE QUITE THE LOOKER
SO THE NEXT YEAR I WORKED MY TAIL OFF AND PULLED IN TWICE AS MUCH CASH!

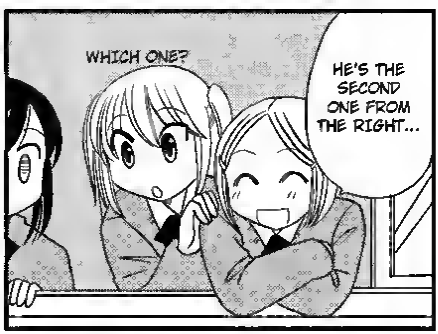

ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS BESIDES BEING COOL?
A GOOD MAN IS HARD TO FIND.

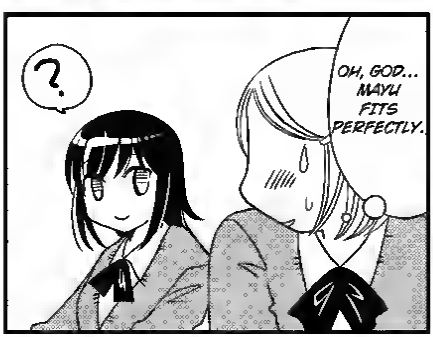

WHO'S THIS GUY YOU LIKE, MIKI?

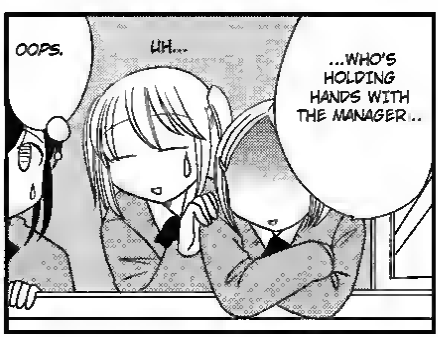

HE SHOULD BE NICE, SENSITIVE,

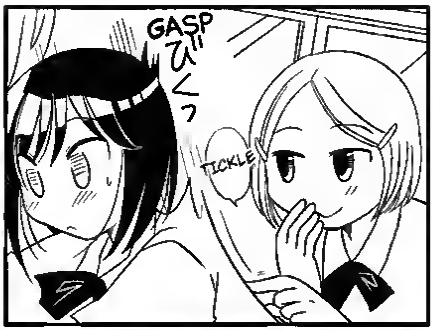

LOOKS LIKE THEIR PRACTICE JUST ENDED.
HE'S ON THE SOCCER TEAM.

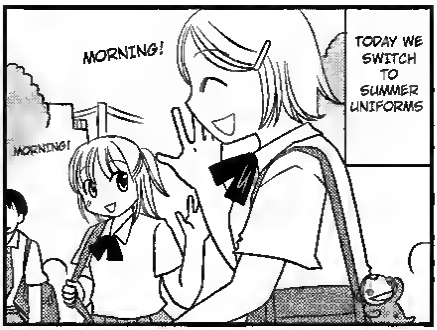
THERE'S A LOT TO CONSIDER, HUH?
I NEVER REALIZED
A GOOD LISTENER.

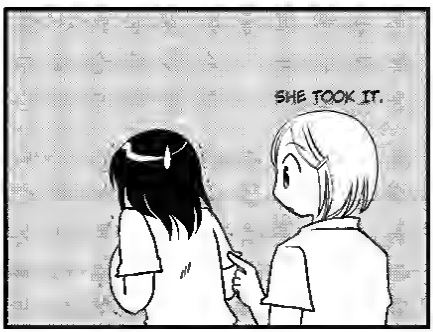

WHICH ONE?
HE'S THE SECOND ONE FROM THE RIGHT...

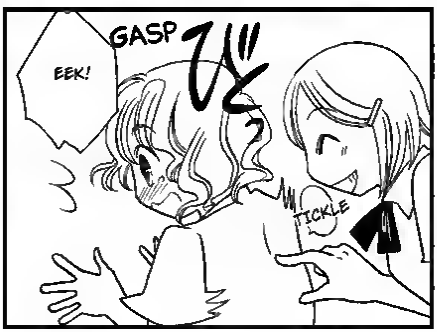

?
OH, GOD... MAYU FITS PERFECTLY.


OOPS.
UH...
...WHO'S HOLDING HANDS WITH THE MANAGER...

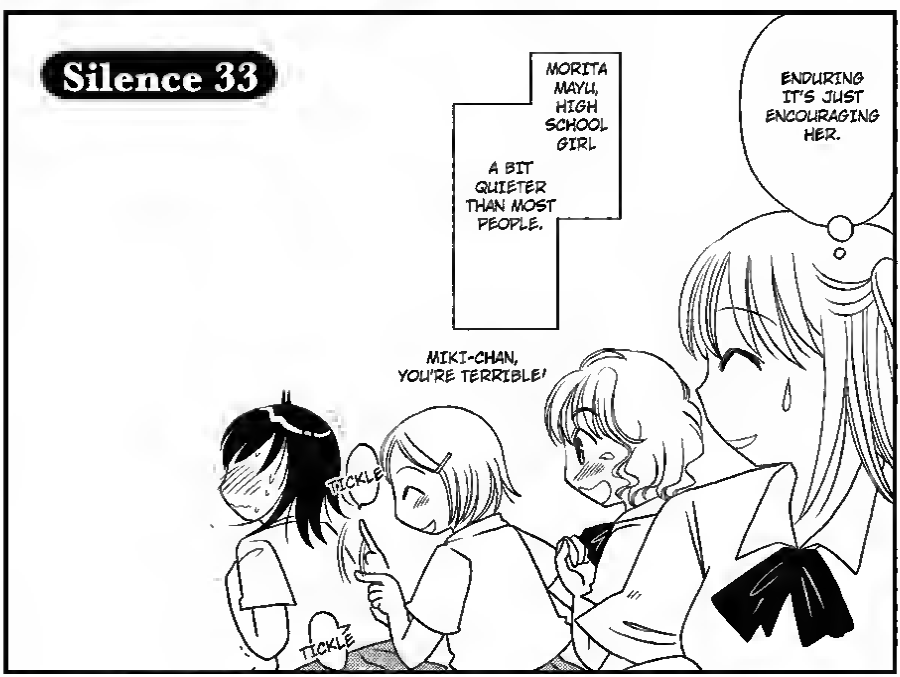

GASP
びくっ
TICKLE


MORNING!
MORNING!
TODAY WE SWITCH TO SUMMER UNIFORMS

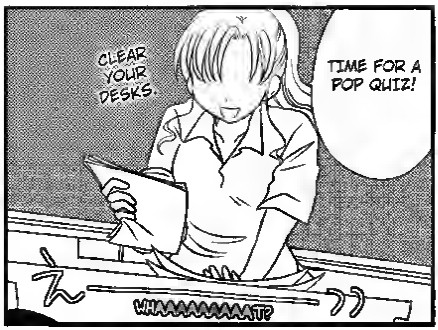

SHE TOOK IT.

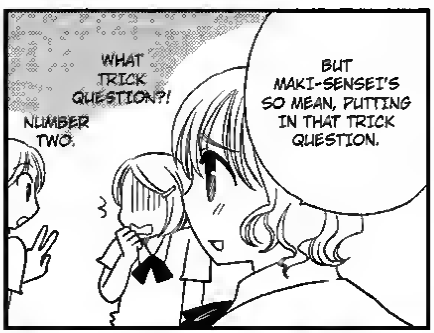

GASP
びく
EEK!
TICKLE

Silence 33

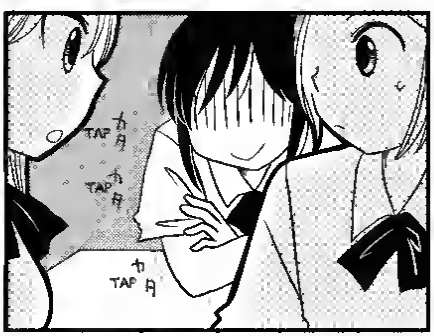

MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
ENDURING IT'S JUST ENCOURAGING HER.
MIKI-CHAN, YOU'RE TERRIBLE!
TICKLE
TICKLE

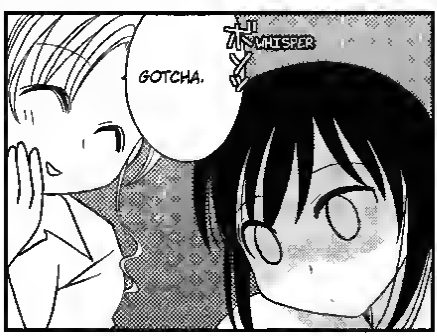
WELL, THAT WAS EASY!
IT WAS?

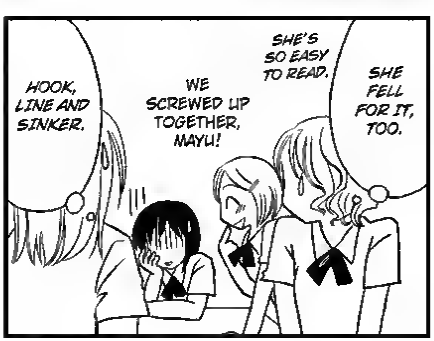

TIME FOR A POP QUIZ!
CLEAR YOUR DESKS.
WHAAAAAAAAAT?

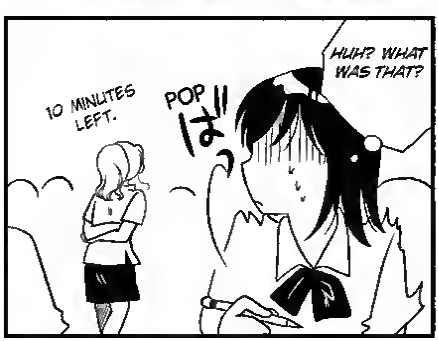

BUT MAKI-SENSEI'S SO MEAN, PUTTING IN THAT TRICK QUESTION.
WHAT TRICK QUESTION?!
NUMBER TWO.

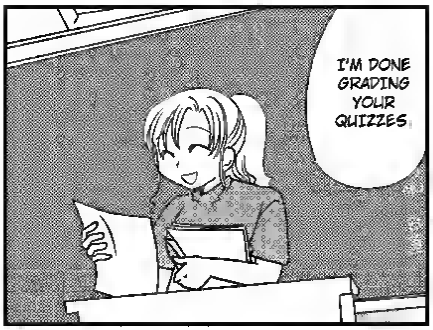
HMM
THIS WAS IN THE BOOK...
HMM
WRITE
WRITE

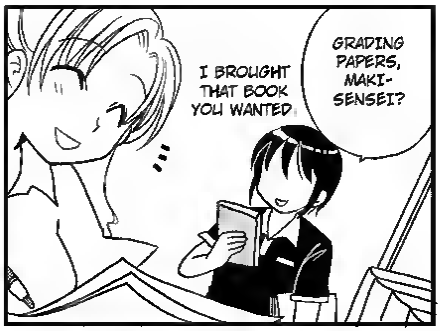

TAP
TAP
TAP

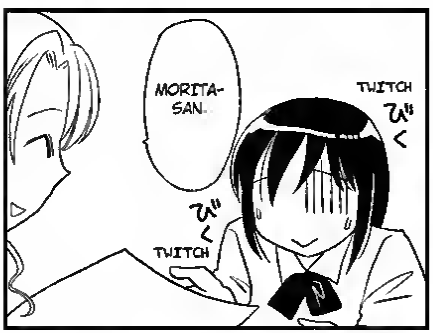

WHISPER
GOTCHA.

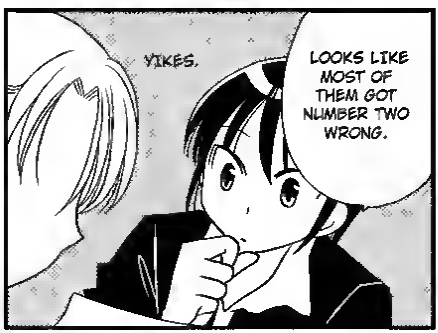

HOOK, LINE AND SINKER.
WE SCREWED UP TOGETHER, MAYU!
SHE'S SO EASY TO READ.
SHE FELL FOR IT, TOO.


10 MINUTES LEFT.
POP
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?

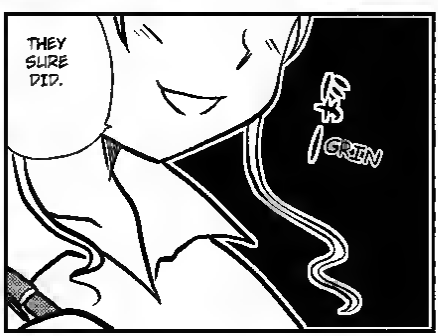

I'M DONE GRADING YOUR QUIZZES.


GRADING PAPERS, MAKI-SENSEI?
I BROUGHT THAT BOOK YOU WANTED

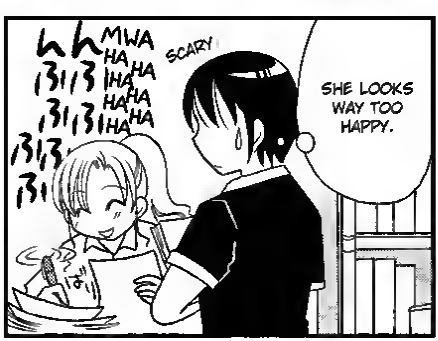

MORITA-SAN.
TWITCH
びく
びく
TWITCH

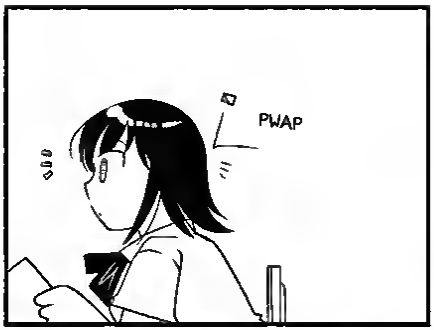

YIKES.
LOOKS LIKE MOST OF THEM GOT NUMBER TWO WRONG.

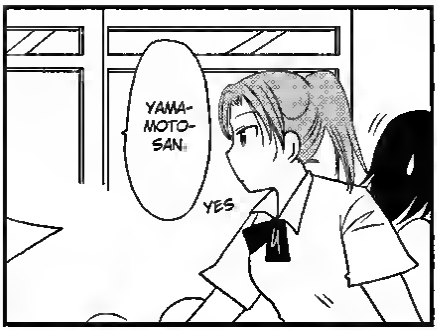
SIGH

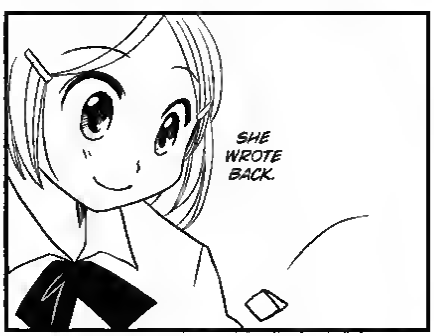

THEY SURE DID.
GRIN

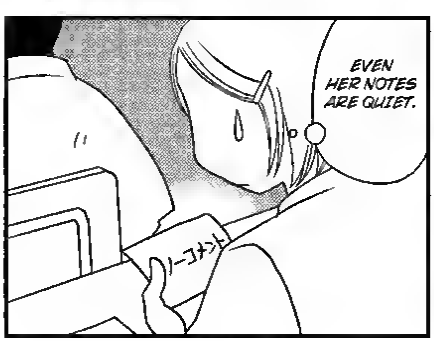
THE IDEAL RESPONSE.
AWW CUTE.
FOLDED RIGHT UP

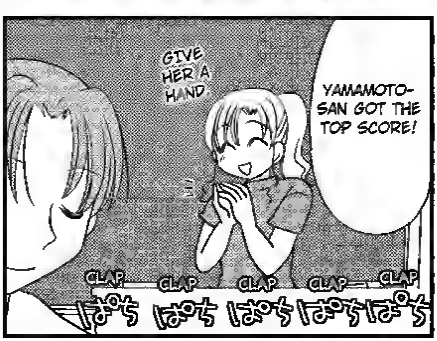

MWA HA HA HA HA HA
SCARY
SHE LOOKS WAY TOO HAPPY.









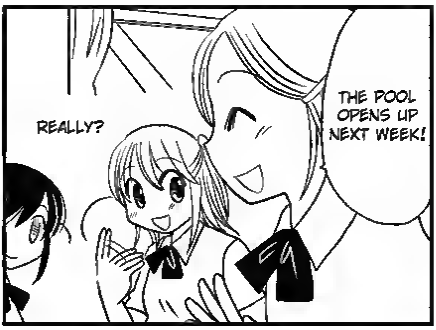


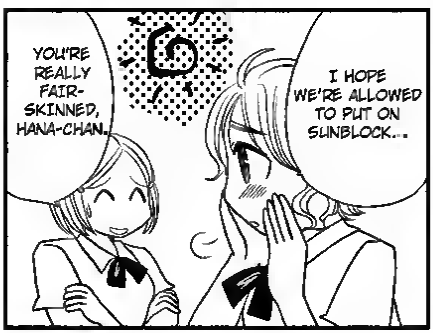
NOTE: NO COMMENT

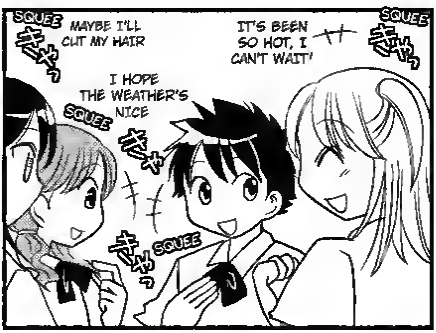
HEHEH
YOU'RE LOOKING HAPPY
あはは HAHAHA
ME, TOO!
DEPRESSED
どんより
I GOT IT WRONG, TOO.
THAT'S THE QUIZ I GAVE YESTERDAY.
TAP TAP
HMM...
I'M JUST NOT THAT SMART...
SLAM
YOUR CLASS'S AVERAGE IS RATHER LOW, SENSEI.
THAT'S NOT GOOD.
ER—
TWITCH
BUT I'M REALLY GOOD AT USING MY BODY AND LEARNING BY DOING!
MUMBLE GRUMBLE
NO MORE TRICK QUESTIONS...
?
SHE'S THINKING OF SOMETHING WEIRD AGAIN.
LIKE GYM CLASS, OR ART CLASS...
YEAH, YOU'RE GOOD AT SPORTS
AGONIZE
もん もん
USING... HER... BODY?!
AGONIZE
もん もん

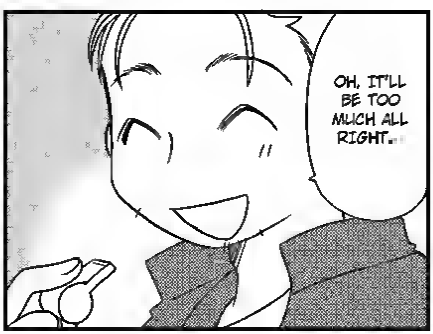
TAKE CARE
A KITTY!
I'MMA ROLL OUT, NAWMSAYIN'?
GIMME SOME PROPS, YO.
HE—
MEOW MEOW, MEOWHAT PAWT OF TOWN DID YOU COME FROM, PURRTY?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HALF OF WHAT YOU KIDS ARE SAYING.
THIS IS AWFUL.
Silence 34
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.
MAYU, YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE.
THAT WAS CLOSE
WHOA, I STARTED TALKING WITH SOME WEIRD SLANG, TOO!

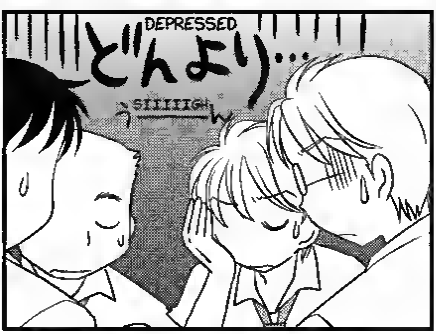
IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE MUCH FOR ME.


REALLY?
THE POOL OPENS UP NEXT WEEK!

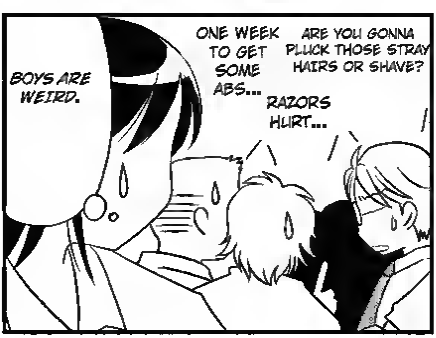

YOU'RE REALLY FAIR-SKINNED, HANA-CHAN.
I HOPE WE'RE ALLOWED TO PUT ON SUNBLOCK...

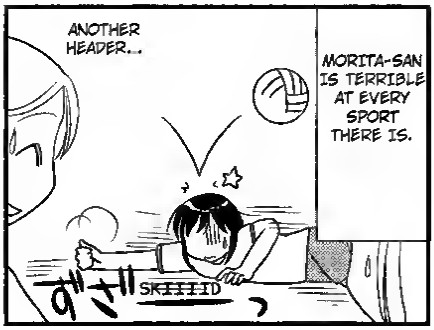

SQUEE
MAYBE I'LL CUT MY HAIR
IT'S BEEN SO HOT, I CAN'T WAIT!
SQUEE
I HOPE THE WEATHER'S NICE
SQUEE
SQUEE

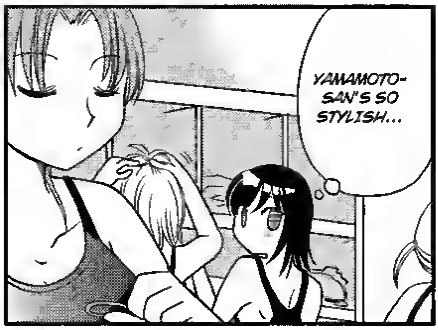

OH, IT'LL BE TOO MUCH ALL RIGHT...

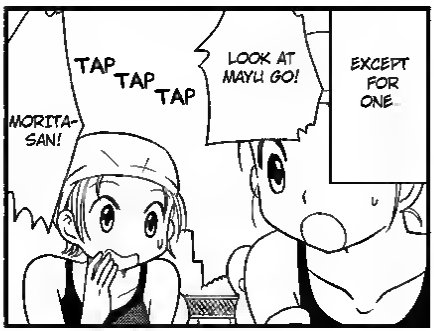

DEPRESSED
どんより...
SIIIIIGH

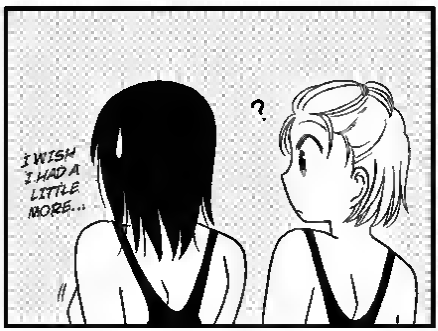
WHY ARE WE THE ONLY ONES RUNNING LAPS?!
YOU DON'T GET TO SEE YOUR BELOVED BATHING SUITS YET!
...FOR THE BOYS!
IN THE BLAZING SUN!
WHEEZE
PANT
WHEEZE


BOYS ARE WEIRD.
ONE WEEK TO GET SOME ABS...
ARE YOU GONNA PLUCK THOSE STRAY HAIRS OR SHAVE?
RAZORS HURT...

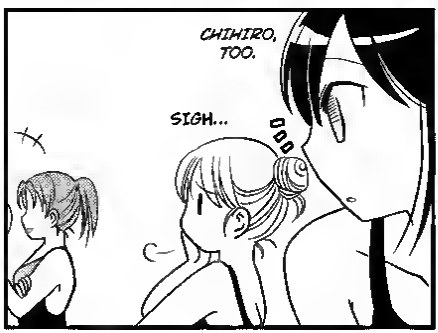

ANOTHER HEADER...
MORITA-SAN IS TERRIBLE AT EVERY SPORT THERE IS.
SKIIIIID

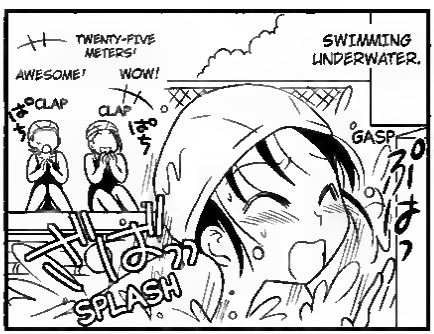

YAMAMOTO-SAN'S SO STYLISH...


TAP TAP TAP
LOOK AT MAYU GO!
EXCEPT FOR ONE
MORITA-SAN!

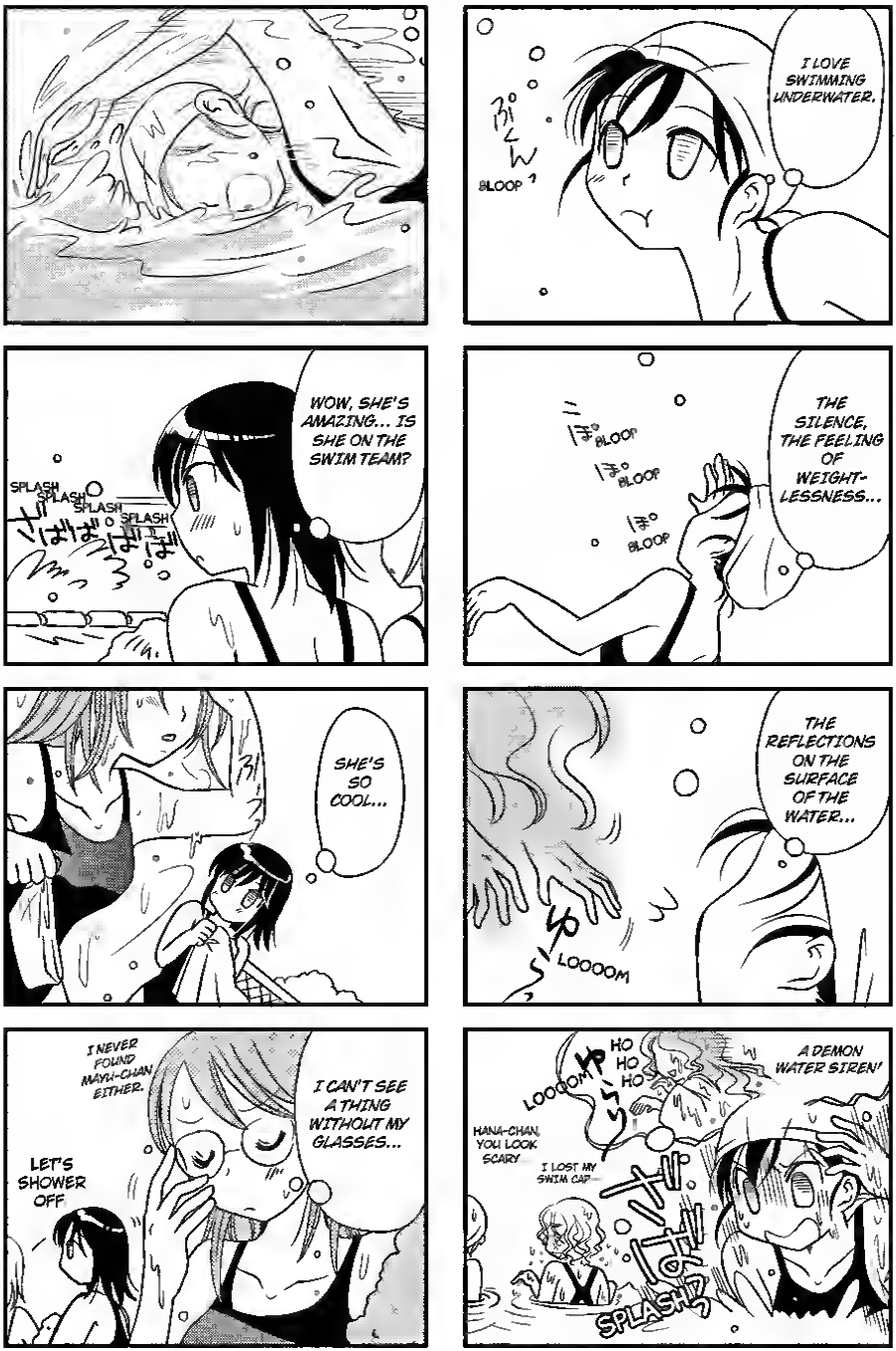

?
I WISH I HAD A LITTLE MORE...

SSSSSSS

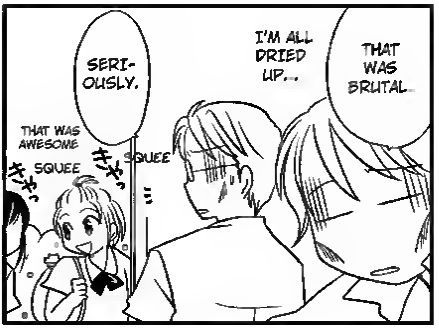

CHIHIRO, TOO.
SIGH...

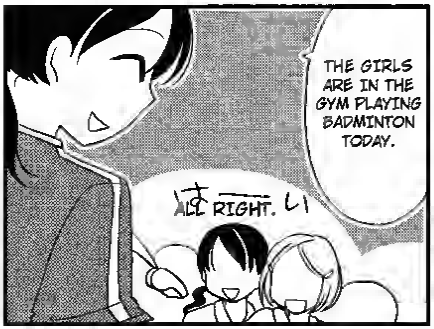

TWENTY-FIVE METERS!
SWIMMING UNDERWATER.
AWESOME!
WOW!
CLAP
CLAP
GASP
SPLASH

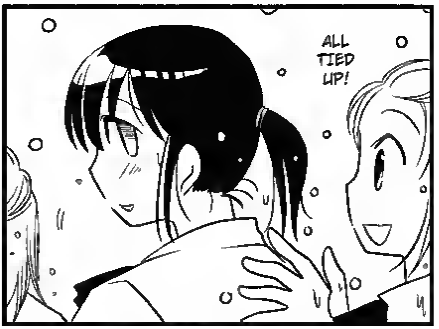
IT'S ALL ABOUT BEING WOMANLY.
TOO BAD SHE LOOKS SO COOL OTHERWISE
AAH, THAT'S IT.

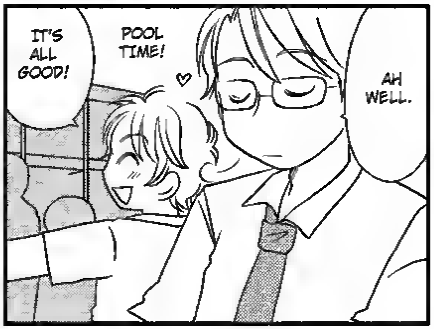

I LOVE SWIMMING UNDERWATER.
BLOOP
WOW, SHE'S AMAZING... IS SHE ON THE SWIM TEAM?
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
THE SILENCE, THE FEELING OF WEIGHT-LESSNESS...
BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP
SHE'S SO COOL...
THE REFLECTIONS ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER...
LOOOOM
I CAN'T SEE A THING WITHOUT MY GLASSES...
I NEVER FOUND MAYU-CHAN EITHER.
LET'S SHOWER OFF
A DEMON WATER SIREN!
HO HO HO
LOOOOM
HANA-CHAN, YOU LOOK SCARY
I LOST MY SWIM CAP...
SPLASH

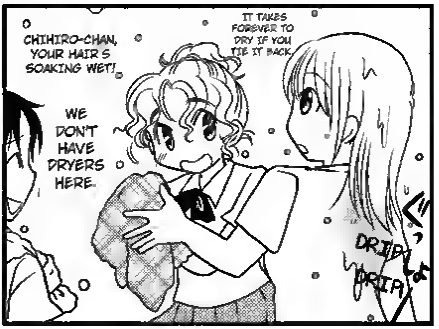
TODAY THE BOYS GET THE POOL!
YES! FINALLY!

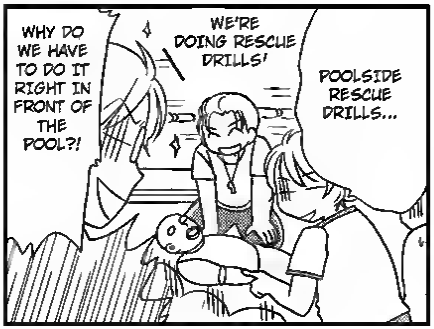

SERI-OUSLY.
I'M ALL DRIED UP...
THAT WAS BRUTAL.
THAT WAS AWESOME
SQUEE
SQUEE

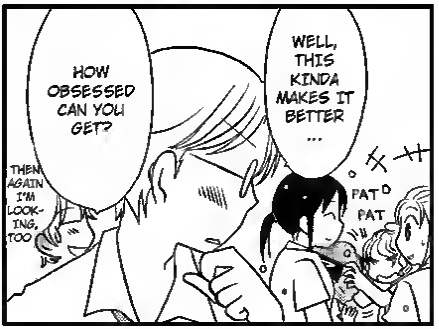

THE GIRLS ARE IN THE GYM PLAYING BADMINTON TODAY.
ALL RIGHT.


ALL TIED UP!

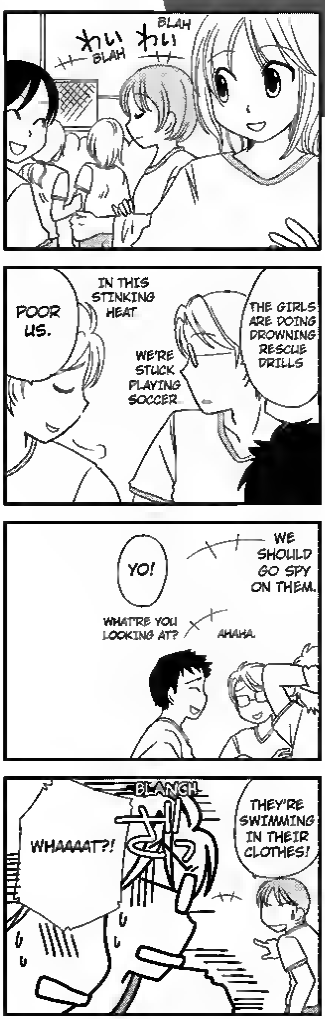

IT'S ALL GOOD!
POOL TIME!
AH WELL.

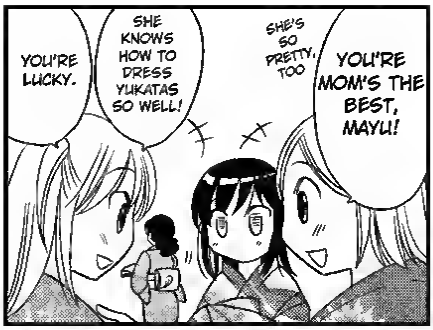

CHIHIRO-CHAN, YOUR HAIR'S SOAKING WET!
IT TAKES FORSVER TO DRY IF YOU TIE IT BACK.
WE DON'T HAVE DRYERS HERE.
DRIP DRIP

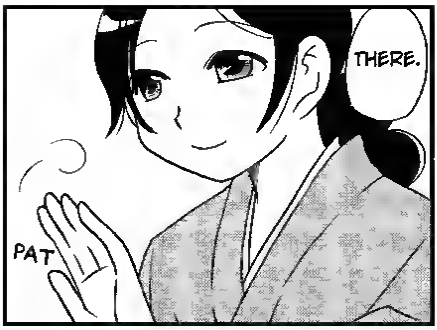

WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE POOL?!
WE'RE DOING RESCUE DRILLS!
POOLSIDE RESCUE DRILLS...


HOW OBSESSED CAN YOU GET?
WELL, THIS KINDA MAKES IT BETTER ...
THEN AGAIN I'M LOOK-ING, TOO
PAT PAT

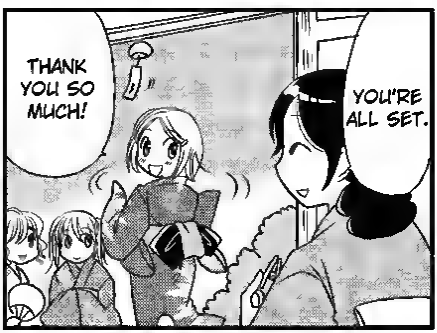
MORITA SAN WA MUKUCHI



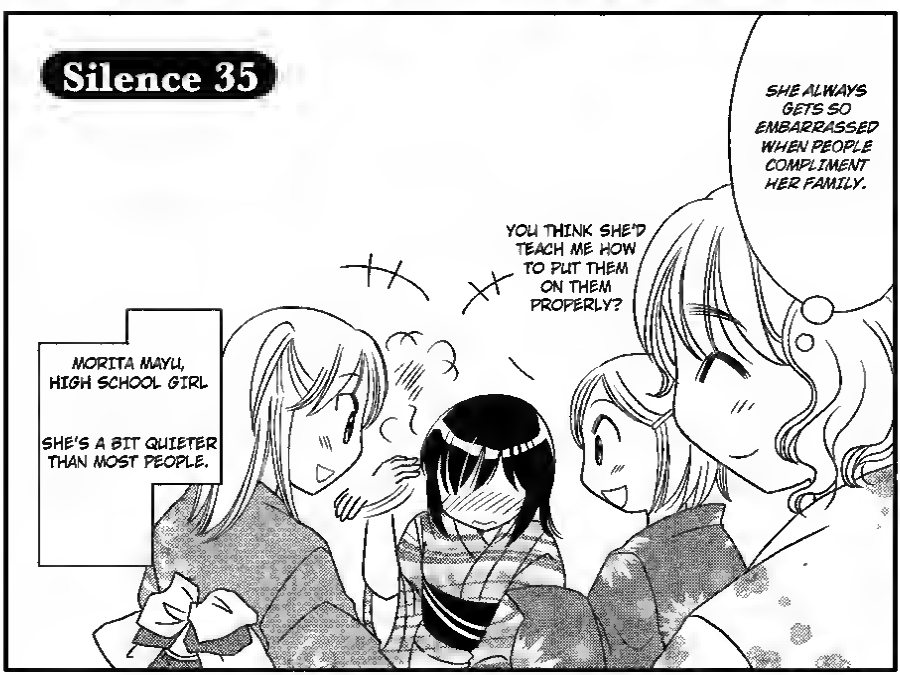

YOU'RE LUCKY.
SHE KNOWS HOW TO DRESS YUKATAS SO WELL!
SHE'S SO PRETTY, TOO
YOU'RE MOM'S THE BEST, MAYU!

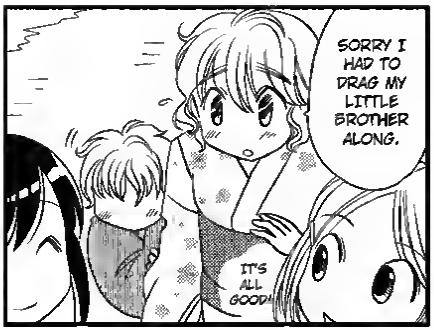

THERE.
PAT

I WISH MY MOM WAS MORE LIKE HER.
...

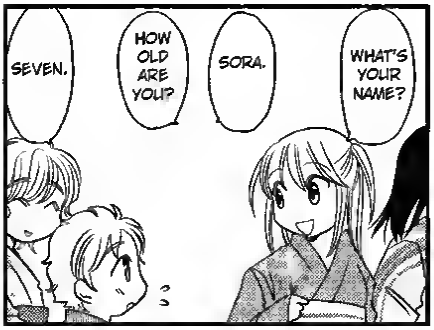

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
YOU'RE ALL SET.

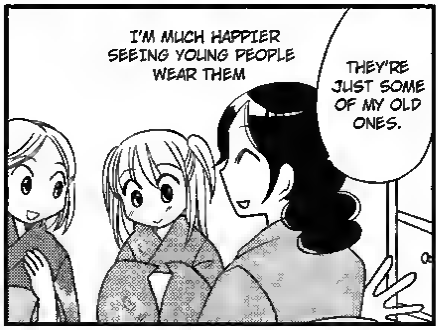
Silence 35

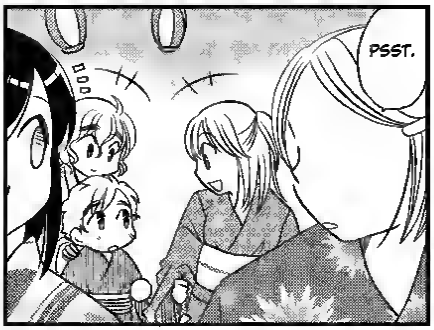

SHE ALWAYS GETS SO EMBARRASSED WHEN PEOPLE COMPLIMENT HER FAMILY.
YOU THINK SHE'D TEACH ME HOW TO PUT THEM ON THEM PROPERLY?
MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
SHE'S A BIT QUIETER THAN MOST PEOPLE.


SORRY I HAD TO DRAG MY LITTLE BROTHER ALONG.
IT'S ALL GOOD!

YOU'RE SURE IT'S OKAY FOR US TO BORROW THESE YUKATAS?
ABSO-LUTELY.


WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
SORA.
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
SEVEN.


THEY'RE JUST SOME OF MY OLD ONES.
I'M MUCH HAPPIER SEEING YOUNG PEOPLE WEAR THEM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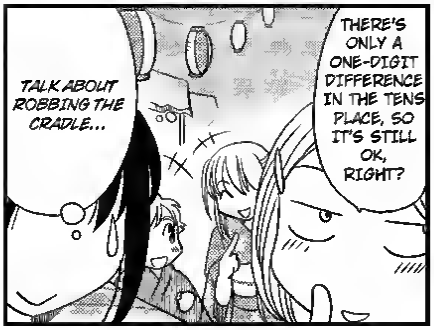
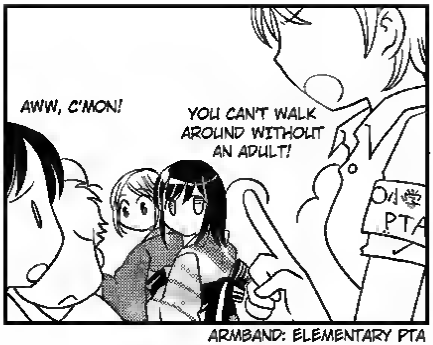
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO TROUBLE YOURSELF FINDING ONE FOR MY BROTHER, TOO...


THERE'S ONLY A ONE-DIGIT DIFFERENCE IN THE TENS PLACE, SO IT'S STILL OK, RIGHT?
TALK ABOUT ROBBING THE CRADLE...

THAT ONE'S FOR A FUTURE GRAND-CHILD.
HOHOHO
DON'T YOU DARE GET IT DIRTY!



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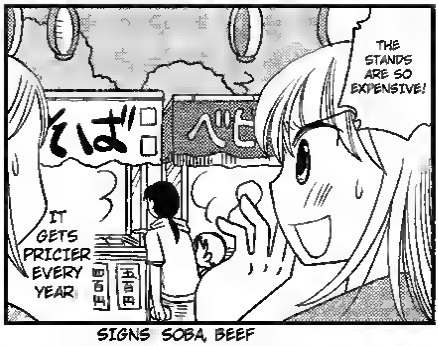

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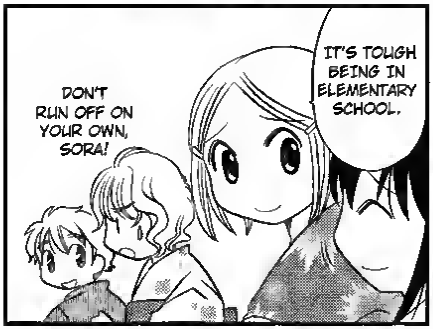

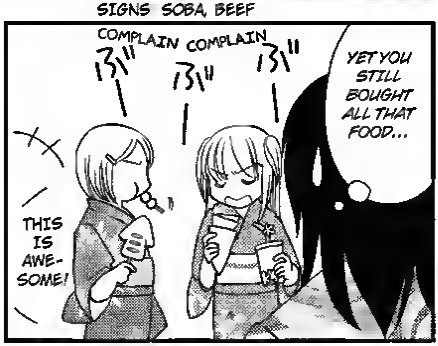

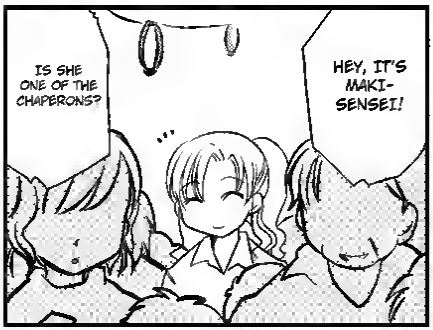

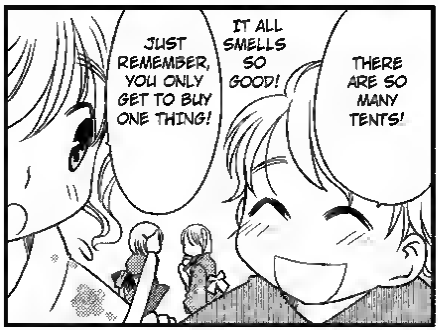

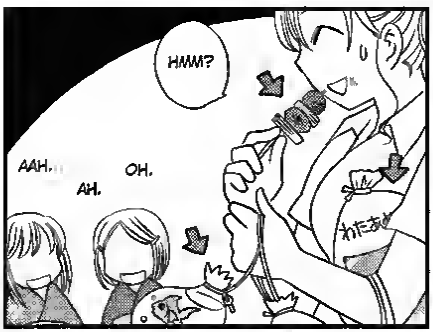

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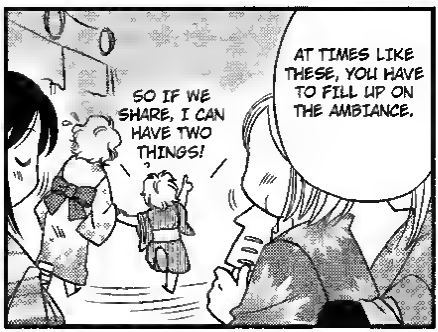

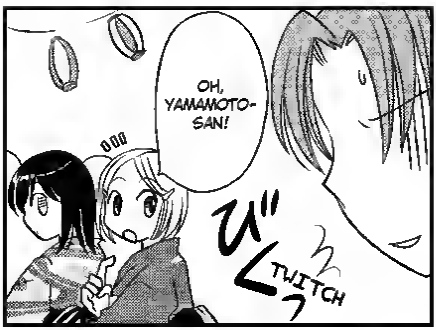

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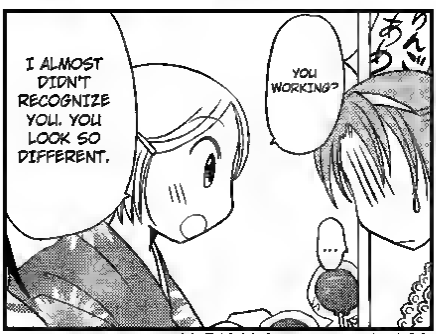

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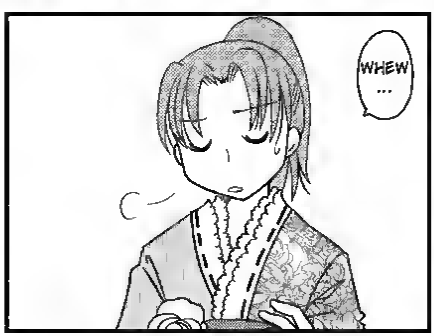
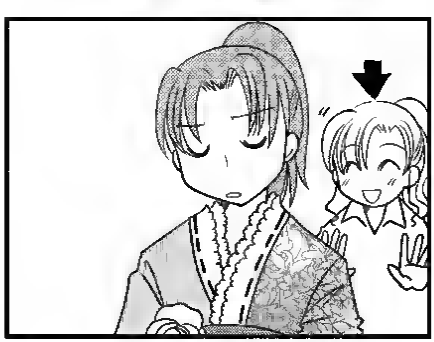
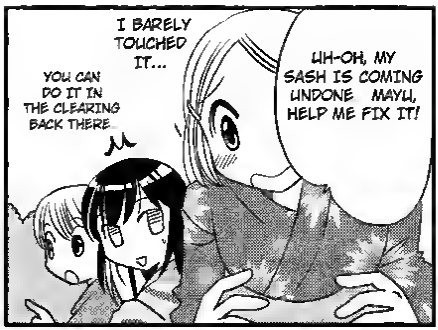




...
YOU'LL MISS THE FIREWORKS.
YOU CAME BACK FIRST, AND BY YOURSELF?


I BARELY TOUCHED IT...
YOU CAN DO IT IN THE CLEARING BACK THERE...
UH-OH, MY SASH IS COMING UNDONE MAYU, HELP ME FIX IT!

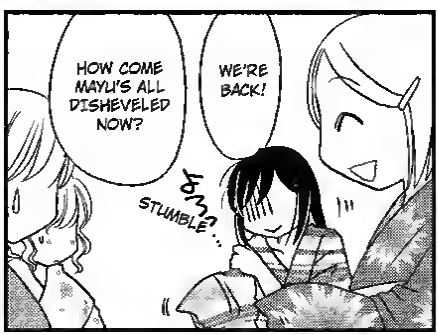
YOU CAN BE SO CLUMSY SOMETIMES.

HOW DOES THIS WORK AGAIN?
UH, LET'S SEE...

RUB
I GUESS THERE ARE STILL MANY THINGS I NEED TO TEACH YOU.

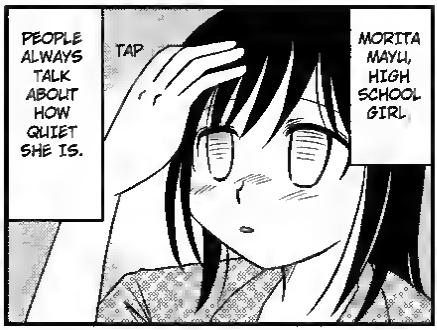
WHA— AH... UH-OH...
I THINK MOM TOOK THIS PART AND—

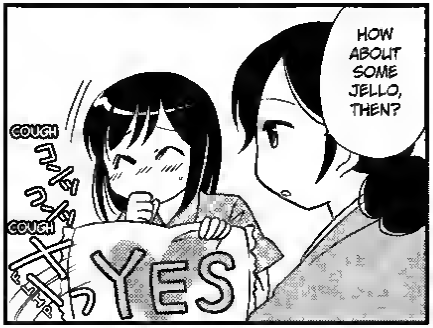
MOM LOOKED HAPPY FOR SOME REASON.


HOW COME MAYU'S ALL DISHEVELED NOW?
WE'RE BACK!
STUMBLE?

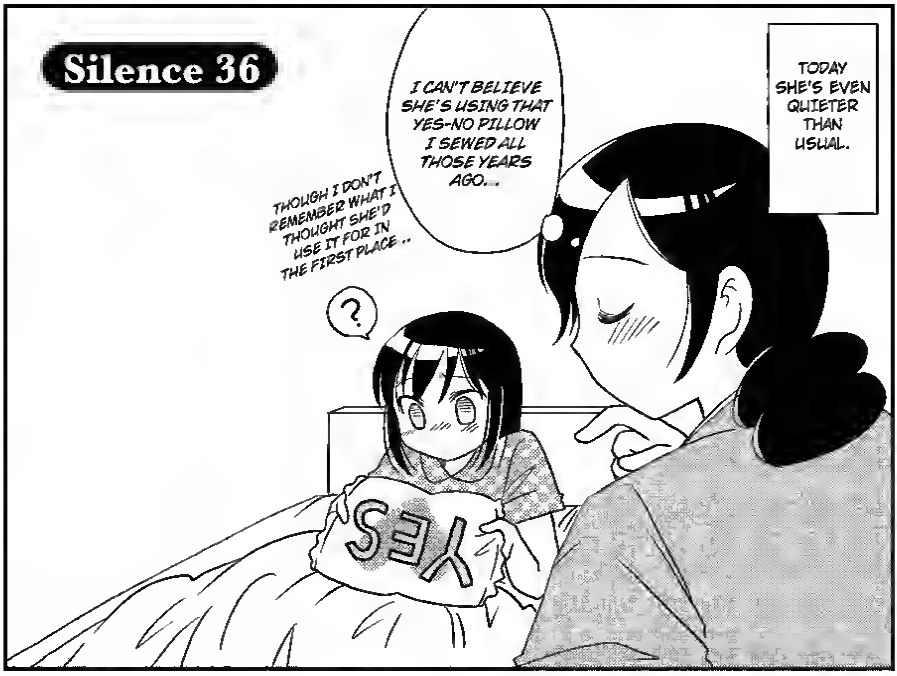
MORITA SAN WA
MUKUCHI
WE'RE BACK! HELLO AGAIN!
MAYU!
ガラッ
SLIDE
OH, EVERYONE'S BACK ALREADY!
IT'S STILL EARLY
YOU CHANGED ALREADY?
TAK
TAK
SO WE BROUGHT THESE BACK!
SORA FELL ASLEEP ...
WHAT GOOD FRIENDS
I HAVEN'T ME, LIT SPARKLERS IN FOREVER!
NEITHER
AWW, MINE FELL APART

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME RICE PORRIDGE?
KNACK
NO


MORITA MAYU, HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
TAP
PEOPLE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT HOW QUIET SHE IS.


HOW ABOUT SOME JELLO, THEN?
COUGH
COUGH
YES

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
COUGH
COUGH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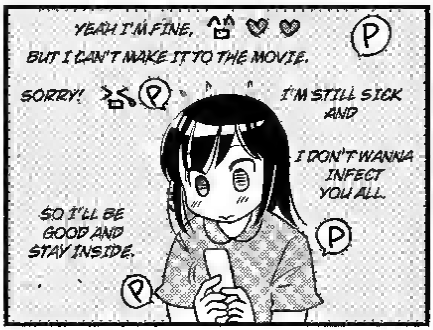
TODAY SHE'S EVEN QUIETER THAN USUAL.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S USING THAT YES-NO PILLOW I SEWED ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...
THOUGH I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT I THOUGHT SHE'D USE IT FOR IN THE FIRST PLACE...
?
YES

YOU OKAY?

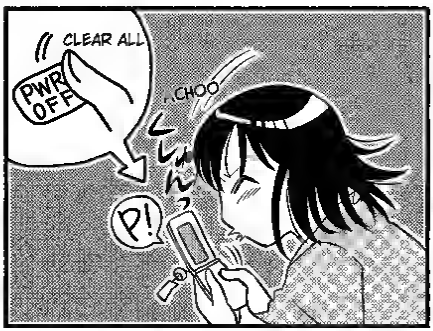
FISH DON'T CATCH COLDS, HUH?
COUGH
VERY SICK.

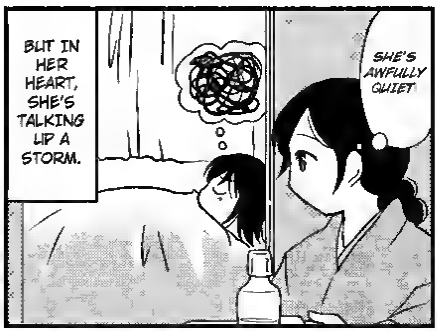

YEAH I'M FINE,
BUT I CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE MOVIE.
SORRY!
I'M STILL SICK AND
I DON'T WANNA INFECT YOU ALL.
SO I'LL BE GOOD AND STAY INSIDE.

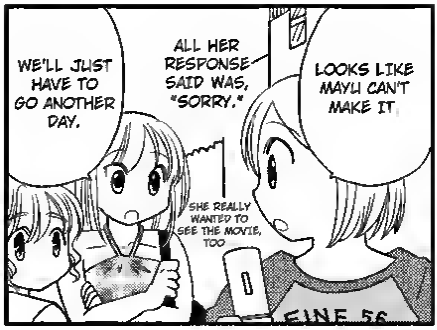
WHY DID I HAVE TO GET SICK ON SUMMER VACATION? I'M SUPPOSED TO SEE THAT NEW MOVIE WITH EVERYONE TODAY. I GUESS... THAT'S OUT.
I SHOULD TEXT THEM

THE WORST IS PROBABLY OVER,
BUT I COULD STILL HAVE A RELAPSE.
YOU TAKE CARE, DON'T GET SICK, TOO!
I HAVE NO CLUE WHERE I EVEN CAUGHT IT!
JUST GONNA FLOP IN BED ALL DAY. LOL
OH, SO...

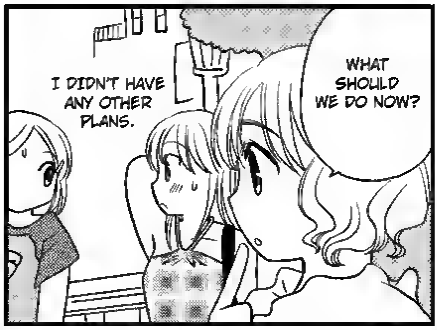
JEEZ, MY THROAT'S KILLING ME, THAT MUST BE WHERE THE INFECTION IS, BUT MY STOMACH'S UPSET, TOO.
AAH, THE ROOM'S SPINNING...
I WISH I'D JUST GET BETTER, THIS STINKS.

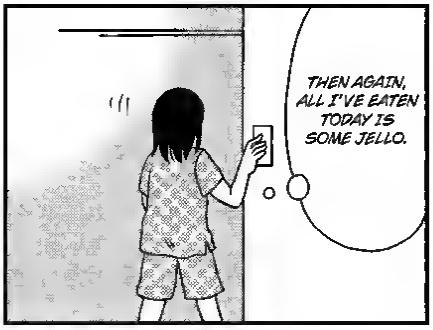

CLEAR ALL
PWR OFF
...CHOO
P!

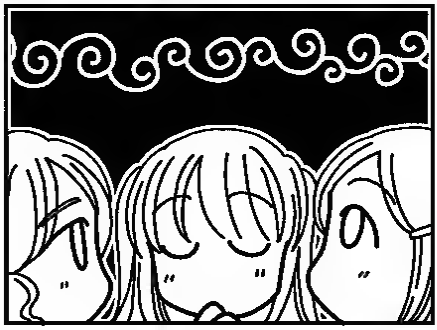

BUT IN HER HEART, SHE'S TALKING UP A STORM.
SHE'S AWFULLY QUIET


WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO ANOTHER DAY.
ALL HER RESPONSE SAID WAS, "SORRY."
LOOKS LIKE MAYU CAN'T MAKE IT.
SHE REALLY WANTED TO SEE THE MOVIE, TOO

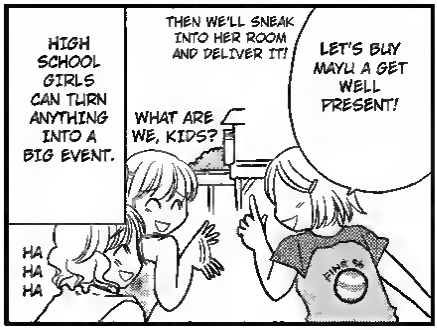
I STILL FEEL WOOZY...
SMACK


I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER PLANS.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?


THEN AGAIN, ALL I'VE EATEN TODAY IS SOME JELLO.



I'M GOING BACK TO SLEEP.
VITAMIN
DRINKABLE GELATIN
PEACH FLAVOR
NO CALORIES
0 CALORIES


HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CAN TURN ANYTHING INTO A BIG EVENT.
HA HA HA
THEN WE'LL SNEAK INTO HER ROOM AND DELIVER IT!
WHAT ARE WE, KIDS?
LET'S BUY MAYU A GET WELL PRESENT!

FEELS LIKE YOUR FEVER'S GONE DOWN.
THIS REMINDS ME OF WHEN SHE WAS A LITTLE GIRL...
WOULD YOU LIKE A LITTLE MORE JELLO?
PANT
PANT
PANT
TIME TO CLEAN
SHE USED TO GET FEVERS QUITE OFTEN
EVEN THOUGH YOUR FRIENDS BOUGHT IT FOR YOU?
GRAB
YOUR FRIENDS ARE VERY THOUGHTFUL.
THEY LEFT AS SOON AS THEY DELIVERED IT
STAAARE
I USED TO HOLD HER HAND THE WHOLE TIME, TOO.
SQUEEZE

HOW'S MAYU DOING?
HER FEVER'S DOWN, I THINK SHE'LL BE OKAY.
HOW CUTE!
GOLDFISH JELLO!
THIRSTY...
YOU'RE A WONDERFUL MOM, YUMI.
AWW...
GOLDFISH PLANT
YOU KNOW, IT'S AN EDIBLE FLOWER.
OHHH...
ガチャッ
CLICK
GUESS I'LL EAT—
MAYU? ARE YOU OKAY?!
KNOCK KNOCK
HER TEMPERATURE SHOT BACK UP.
YES

THAT'S IT FOR VOLUME TWO, THANKS FOR READING! I THREW IN A FEW EXTRA COMICS THIS TIME; I HAD A LOT OF FUN THINKING THEM UP.

HOPEFULLY I'LL HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO DRAW THEM SOON! MAYBE I'LL GIVE POOR HANA-CHAN A BREAK AND SEND SOME GOOD LUCK HER WAY...

WE HAD SOME NEW CHARACTERS APPEAR IN THIS VOLUME! MAKI-SENSEI IS VERY EASY TO WRITE FOR, ALTHOUGH I APOLOGIZE FOR MAKING IT LOOK LIKE SHE'S CONSTANTLY DRUNK (HAHAHA).

HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN
AT THE END OF THE NEXT VOLUME!
SANO TAE

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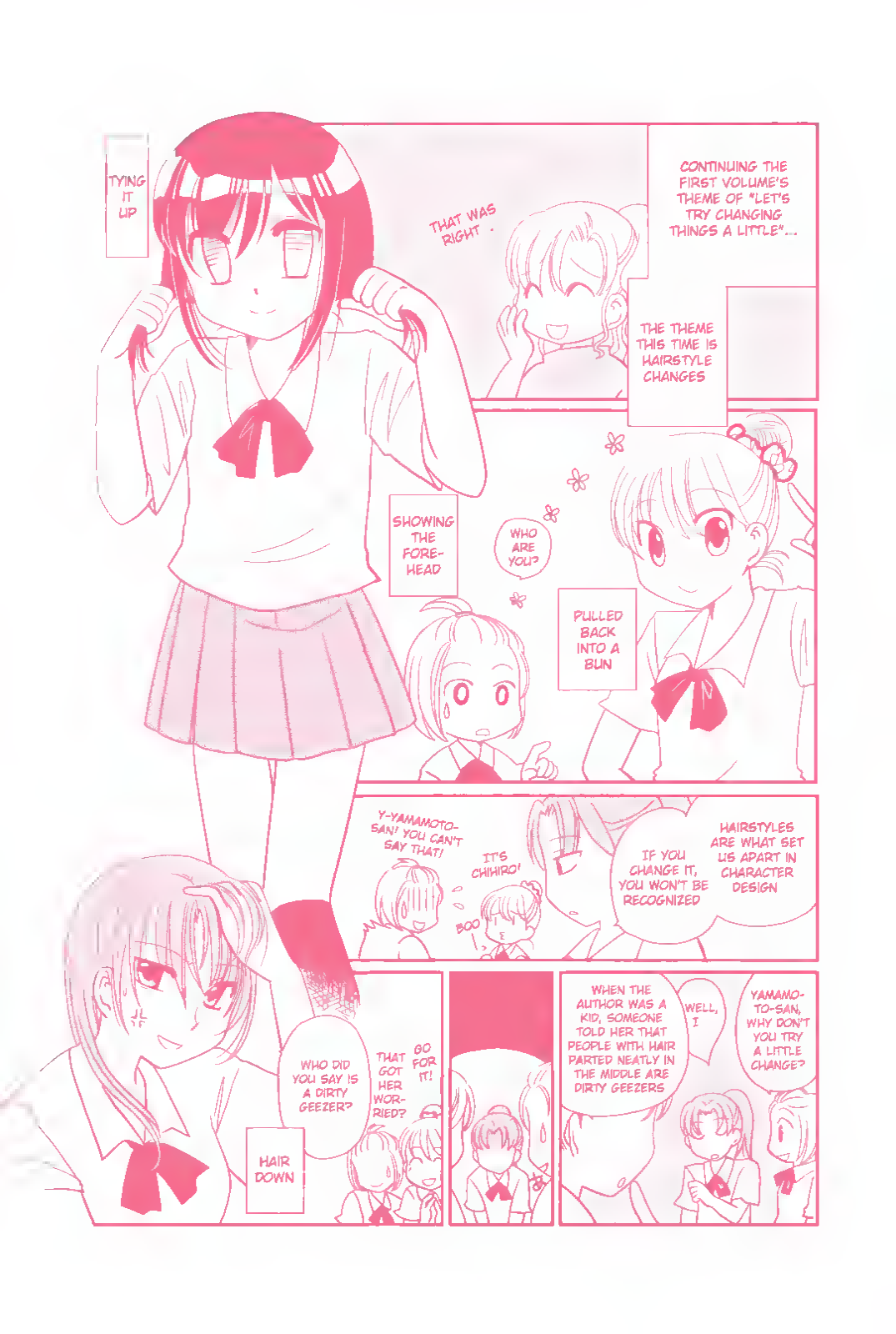
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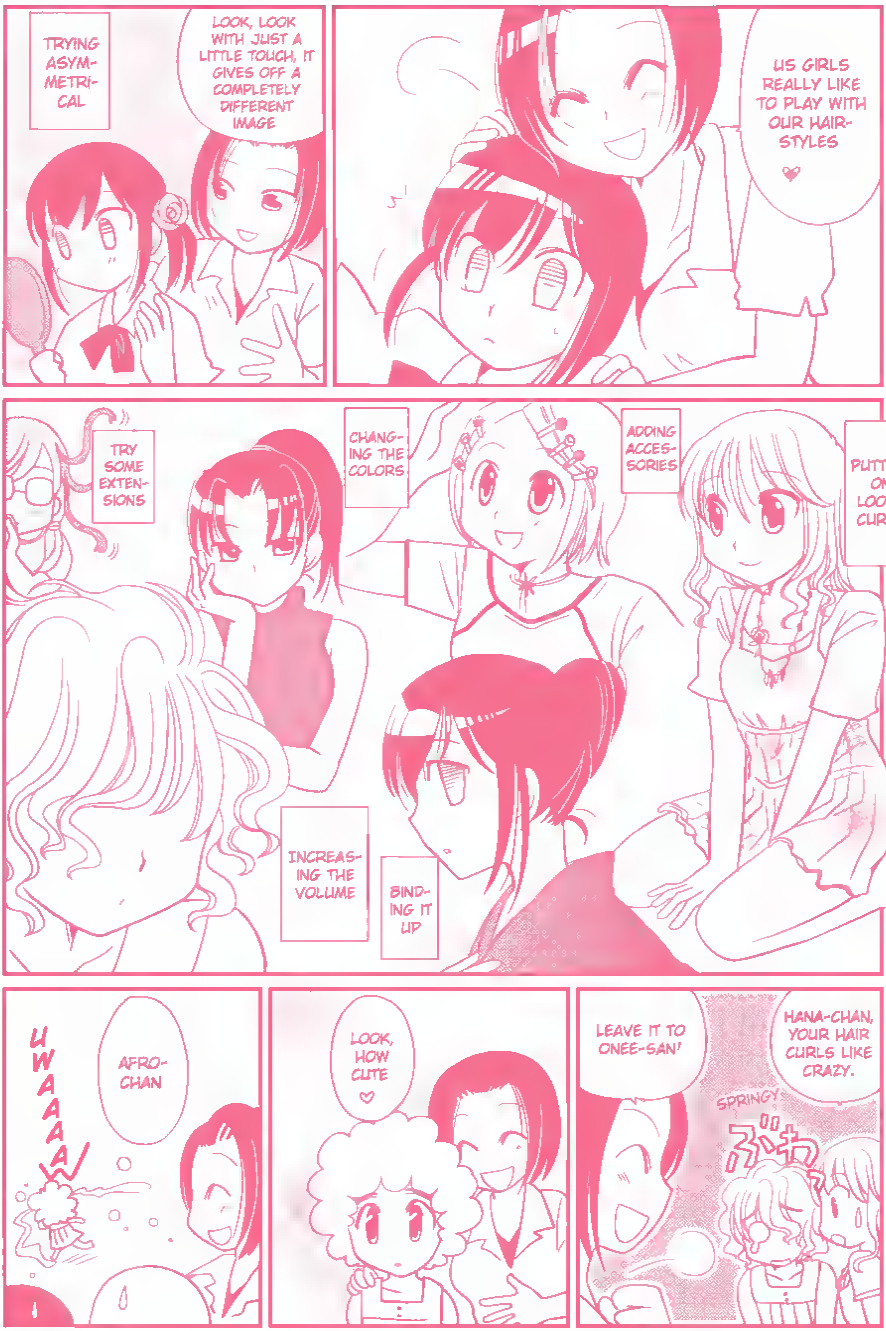
THE THEME THIS TIME IS HAIRSTYLE CHANGES
THAT WAS RIGHT.
TYING IT UP
SHOWING THE FORE-HEAD
WHO ARE YOU?
PULLED BACK INTO A BUN
Y-YAMAMOTO-SAN! YOU CAN'T SAY THAT!
IT'S CHIHIRO!
BOO
IF YOU CHANGE IT, YOU WON'T BE RECOGNIZED
HAIRSTYLES ARE WHAT SET US APART IN CHARACTER DESIGN
WHO DID YOU SAY IS A DIRTY GEEZER?
THAT GOT HER WOR-RIED?
GO FOR IT!
HAIR DOWN
WHEN THE AUTHOR WAS A KID, SOMEONE TOLD HER THAT PEOPLE WITH HAIR PARTED NEATLY IN THE MIDDLE ARE DIRTY GEEZERS
WELL, I
YAMAMO-TO-SAN, WHY DON'T YOU TRY A LITTLE CHANGE?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